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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Prof. Jonathan Mendlow will lecture on "The Political Situation Today" at the Hebrew University Forum in the lounge of the United Synagogue, 2 Rebov Agron, Jerusalem, at 8 p.m. today.

ARRIVALS

The Westchester Country Club UJA Mission. (Continued from page 1)

Richard C. Popkin, California attorney and Los Angeles Jewish leader, for a visit.

Sarah Churchill, daughter of the late Sir Winston Churchill, to attend the Israel Rotary Club's tenth anniversary celebration.

Florence ex-mayor Giorgio La Pira

The death was reported from Florence on Saturday night of Prof. Giorgio La Pira, 73, the former mayor of Florence and a champion of international understanding.

The creator of the Mediterranean Colloquiums, La Pira was a staunch opponent of racism and anti-Semitism.

The 1968 Colloquium, devoted to the Israel-Arab conflict, was, according to La Pira, the sole meeting ground and hope for a peaceful solution. When few Arab delegates appeared, La Pira went to the Arab countries and met the leadership.

La Pira visited Israel in 1958 and 1962 as guest of the Government. He attended the "New Outlook" peace symposium here in April 1969. (A.Z.)

Soviet delegation here

BEN-GURION AIRPORT (Him). — A three-member Russian delegation, headed by Constantine Nikolavich Afreksin, chairman of the Moscow Bar Association, arrived here yesterday for a week's visit at the invitation of the Israel-Soviet Friendship Association.

The delegates arrived here to participate in events celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Russian Revolution. They said they have also come to strengthen the ties between the Soviet and Israel branches of the association.

Treasury man to head government companies

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Cabinet yesterday appointed Ephraim Yermans of the Treasury as director of the Government Corporations Authority, to replace Mordechai Berger who resigned to go into private business.

Yermans, 46, was born in Jerusalem and holds a degree in economics and statistics. He has held posts in the Bank of Israel, the Central Bureau of Statistics and the Treasury, where he served for the last seven years as wage commissioner. The latter post was abolished when Dr. Avraham Friedman was appointed Civil Service Commissioner.

Mordechai Berger is setting up, together with two partners, a company to promote investments and developments in Israel on the basis of American know-how, with a view to production for European markets.

Shatta jail petition

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Nineteen Arab lawyers and other professionals have petitioned the Interior Ministry and the Commissioner of Prison Services to correct what they allege are "critical and dangerous" conditions of confinement for Arab inmates of the Shatta jail in Lower Galilee.

The petitioners, who are mainly from Galilee themselves and who were organized by Nazareth advocate Aziz Shahada, complain in their letter of alleged overcrowding and uncomfortable cells, isolation, and revocation of visiting privileges.

The letter states that several prisoners have been unjustly punished for calling a labour strike in May to protest alleged beating of inmates.

THE ISRAELI CONSUMER

Association has found that following the rise in VAT to 12 per cent, a number of stores have charged the extra per cent on products whose prices already included the previous 3 per cent VAT. The public is warned to pay the 12 per cent VAT only on the cost of the product itself.

Convention opens today in Jerusalem
Likud-Alignment clash seen at Histadrut meet

Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Likud and the Alignment are preparing for a sharp conflict at the Histadrut's 13th Convention, which opens at Binyanei Ha'Ooma in Jerusalem this afternoon.

Secretary-General Yeruhame Meshel is expected to set the tone in a speech on the Histadrut's plans for the coming four years. Meshel, an Alignment leader, is expected to severely criticize the Likud's government's economic policies.

Meanwhile, deputy minister Yoram Aridor, who heads the Likud faction told his colleagues at a meeting here yesterday that "Meshel must get what's coming to him. Tomorrow and during the rest of the week, the Likud faction in the Histadrut Convention must pay him sevenfold for all the deceit, demagoguery, and political hectoring. The Likud faction must not take a defensive position when facing Meshel, but launch a counter attack against him and the regime he and (former) Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz had left."

President Ephraim Katzir, Prime Minister Menachem Begin, and Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich are expected to attend the formal opening session.

In order not to offend Begin and his Cabinet by endorsing greetings to various organizations — but not the Government — the organizers decided to send greetings to "the state."

Several foreign dignitaries, including representatives from trade unions in countries that do not maintain diplomatic relations with Israel, will attend the opening session. The representatives are from the Ivory Coast, Kenya, Mauritius, Upper Volta, Fiji, India, Japan, Papua-New Guinea, The Philippines, Taiwan, Colombia, Panama, Peru, Venezuela, Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Great Britain, Finland, France, West Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the U.S.

Otto Kerelen, the general secretary of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and ICFU's Aelan regional organization, will address the assembly.

The convention will be held in the Tel Aviv Cinema here tomorrow and Wednesday, following today's ceremonial opening in Jerusalem. Meshel is expected to be re-elected secretary-general on Wednesday night.

The 1,501 delegates include 841 of the Alignment; 429, Likud; 122, the Democratic Movement for Change; 46, the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality (which includes Rakah); 27, Religious Workers; 19, the Independent Liberal and Citizens' Rights Movement list; and 17, Sheil.

Sportoto bulging

The first prize in next week's Sportoto football pools will be IL4.5m, after nobody guessed correctly the results of last week's 13 games. But the Sportoto management decided yesterday that even should only one person guess correctly all of next week's games he would not receive more than IL1m, of the first prize.

Cabinet names two to c'ttee for chief rabbinic elections

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Cabinet yesterday named its two representatives to a five-member elections committee for the chief rabbinic elections, thus advancing by a step the delayed and controversial process that should end in nine more months.

The nominees, who were recommended to the Government by Religious Affairs Minister Aharon Abutzeira, are Micha Yaron — a lawyer who is known to support the National Religious Party — and Menahem Yedid — a former Likud MK and party whip who is a good friend of Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

The Chief Rabbinate Council — which, according to charges by Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, is controlled by Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren — previously named its two candidates: Rabbi Tzefania Drori, the chief rabbi of Kiryat Shmona, and Rabbi Yehuda Haim in the Haifa Rabbinical Court.

"The Cabinet expressed its 'hope' that the four members would appoint a chairman who is a Supreme Court justice or who formerly served in that post — a stipulation that was requested by Rabbi Yosef in order to ensure its 'impartiality and fairness'."

According to rumours, the most likely candidate for the chairmanship is former Supreme Court Justice Yitzhak Kister. The committee must select a 150-member electoral college.

A few weeks ago, the Knesset extended the five-year terms of Rabbi Goren and Yosef on the same day that they were due to expire. The bill stated that the whole election process must be completed within nine months.

Rabbi Yosef recently sent a letter of protest to Begin, charging that the two men originally recommended by Abutzeira — Yaron and lawyer David Asulin — were "biased" in favour of Rabbi Goren, and that the two chief rabbinic council representatives were also his rival supporters, thus "sacking the cards" against his own candidacy.

Source close to the Sephardi chief rabbi said he was reassured by the recommendation to elect a chairman who is serving or has served as Supreme Court Justice, and by the choice of Yedid.

CAL, El Al cargo price war seen reaching new intensity

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The cargo price war between El Al and CAL seems to have reached a new intensity, since the national airline has been doing everything possible in the last four months to reduce rates and entice customers away from CAL.

According to reliable sources, El Al has been charging customers the full rate at the point of loading, but upon arrival of the goods its shippers get a reduced invoice — at a rate competitive with that of CAL. The difference is charged to an anonymous body called "Institute of Exports" — apparently a department of El Al.

At the same time, El Al sends the customs authorities a statement which contains the true cargo rate, rather than that of the original bill of lading, and the customs authorities then calculate import duties and other charges on the basis of the reduced rate.

The *Jerusalem Post* was told that this competition between El Al and CAL is so severe that the former has recently been undercutting the latter's rate and has even offered air-cargo rates that are cheaper than sea transport. According to the sources, there is in fact no fixed cargo rate, and hard bargainers can get cheaper rates.

The El Al spokesman, Arnold Sherman, denied that El Al is keeping two sets of accounts and said that the company is carrying cargo at the full normal rate, except when the government has a special interest in lower rates. In these cases, which apply only to industrial products, a special commodity rate is set.

Sherman also said that in certain cases it may be that El Al is initially charging its customers for only part of the cargo, the rest to be paid later, according to an agreed payment arrangement.

HOD GOING TO EL AL

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served as managing director for the past 10 years. He met yesterday with all levels of management and asked them to give his successor every support and cooperation.

Hod's appointment marks the end of the bitter battle between El Al and the cargo airline Cal which he set up last year. Despite El Al's opposition, the government had granted Hod a licence to set up his company in conjunction with the agricultural producers. The national carrier had insisted that it could offer a lower price.

It is undisputed that prior to the establishment of Cal, farmers were being charged about \$700 a ton for the export of their produce. CAL managed to bring the price down to \$380 a ton, thanks mainly to its success in filling its planes on its return flights.

There was considerable argument about the actual profitability of CAL. A company spokesman admitted to me last week that it had "an excess of \$700,000 in costs over income in the first eight months of operation." El Al said two weeks ago that CAL had accumulated IL13.5m. in delinquent debts on the lease of planes from the national carrier. (CAL has no planes of its own.)

However, this struggle will now become history. It is expected that El Al will take over the 49-per-cent share of CAL held by Hod and his associates. The farmers are likely to retain their share in CAL.

There is considerable fear that CAL will now cease its independent competitive operations. However, Hod told *The Post* yesterday that CAL will continue to operate and that its objectives of lowering cargo rates will remain unchanged.

(CAL was recently granted a three-month extension of its licence while the Transport Ministry and other bodies study its possible future development, including its application for permission to buy its own cargo jets.)

One of the first problems confronting Hod at El Al will be the national carrier's troubled labour situation. The Government has threatened to close down the airline if there are any more strikes and the maintenance men have been threatening to strike for over a month now.



A section of the huge crowd gathered yesterday outside Prime Minister Begin's office to demonstrate against the higher prices brought on by the Government's new economic policy. A sign in the foreground reads "Israel is not America" — a reference to the floating of the pound and removal of all foreign currency controls. An unusually large turnout of Arab workers was seen at the rally, sponsored by the Histadrut. (Rahamin Yisraeli)

EHRlich

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that an excessive part of the economic burden was imposed on the employees. A 12.5% tax on stocks has been imposed, he noted. Importers, exporters, industrialists, merchants and employees are complaining, and that proves the Government found the right course; the measures hurt everyone.

Yoram Aridor, deputy minister in the Prime Minister's Office (who heads the Likud's Histadrut faction) criticized the Government for neglecting to couple the economic moves with suitable social legislation.

A bill providing a minimum income for employees or for payments through income tax to people whose earnings are below a certain minimum would have solved the problem of compensating the poor, he said, noting that the Likud had promised such legislation.

Ehrlich replied that the Government would implement all the pledges it had given in the national elections. But commenting on Aridor's claim that economic and social moves must be taken at the same time, the Finance Minister said: "You must understand we're only human beings. Don't attribute to us the qualities of angels. We've got our priorities and our capabilities."

Aridor, who had been responsible for the Labour Ministry until the Democratic Movement for Change joined the coalition — said that a draft bill providing a minimum wage for workers is ready. "It can be approved by January," he said.

Such a move could have taken the wind out of the Histadrut's sails, he argued.

Yesterday's demonstration in Jerusalem ended a series of strikes and demonstrations organized in all 68 labour councils. Ben Yisrael reported. He said he did not know how many working days were lost, but claimed some half a million workers participated in one way or another in these protests.

The Histadrut did not promise payment for the time the workers took off for the strike, he said. "This was not a deluxe strike."

KATYUSHAS

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similar incidents will not occur in the future.

Israeli artillery retaliated last night, shelling "terrorist targets" in the western zone of southern Lebanon, the IDF spokesman said.

Joshua Brilliant adds:

Deputy Defence Minister Mordechai Zippori told *The Jerusalem Post* that the attacks were an attempt by the radical "rejection front" in the PLO to sabotage the ceasefire agreement in southern Lebanon. He said he did not see any connection between this incident and that of the fishing boat on Saturday night.

Peres denies plan to meet Arabs

Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres yesterday denied reports from Vienna that he is due to meet with Arab leaders for talks on Middle East problems.

Speaking to reporters at Ben-Gurion Airport on his return from a fund-raising tour in Europe, Peres also denied that the reports had been published with his implicit agreement after a meeting between him and Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky in Vienna. During his four-hour talk with Kreisky, Peres said, he had agreed to lecture before leaders of the Socialist International on the Labour Party's attitude to the Middle East conflict.

Arava victims' names

BEERSHEBA. — The Negev police have released the names of six of the seven Dutch tourists killed when their minibus collided with an Egged bus on the Arava road on Saturday.

They are: Alfonsus van der Geyzen, 22, of Rotterdam; John Schlegelweil, 23, of Rotterdam; John Schlegelweil, 26, of Rotterdam; John Schlegelweil, 22 — all of Leiden; and F.M. Verkaik, 23, of Enschede. The seventh victim has not yet been identified.

Protest rally in Jerusalem

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one-day work stoppage. They will have to collect a double portion of garbage today.

In Ashdod, 10,000 industrial and white-collar workers went on strike, some for two hours and others for the whole day.

Meanwhile, the Histadrut Teachers' Union yesterday demanded a 25 per cent increase in teachers' salaries to compensate for price rises brought about by the new economic measures.

No ultimatum was set, but it was decided that if the Government does not grant the demand, the Union's board will meet to plan further action.

The rival Secondary School Teachers' Association sent a special-delivery letter to the Ministers of Education and Finance pointing out that the teachers' relative situation is now the same as it was seven years ago, when teachers walked off their jobs for a six-week strike.

Reuven Aviram, chairman of the association, said a beginning teacher with a B.A. earned a gross of about IL3,100 a month before the 8.5 per cent cost-of-living increments paid with the October salary. A teacher with maximum seniority and an M.A. grosses a little more than IL5,800 a month, he said. (This figure, too, was from before the 8.5 per cent c.o.l. payment.)

"We didn't stop working to go and demonstrate," he said — "but that doesn't mean we'll let our teachers reach poverty level."

In a groundswell against the spate of protests, a group of Negev residents have signed a petition supporting the new economic programme, and calling on the Histadrut to stop using it as an excuse to try and topple the government. Instead, it should sit down and negotiate a settlement for the workers, they said.

Public has sold \$65m. under new foreign currency rules

By SHLOMO MAOZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich yesterday told the Cabinet at its weekly meeting that in the first week since the liberalization of foreign currency trade, the public has sold the banks \$65m. net and has purchased IL2.7b. of government bonds and savings deposits.

Ehrlich said that the public had behaved maturely and had demonstrated confidence in the Government by the purchases of bonds and sales of foreign currency.

All Cabinet members participated in the discussion of the economic reform, which took up the major part of the meeting. Ehrlich also said that organized and forced demonstrations would not deter the Government from its course and that it would not bow to pressure.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin said that the country is engaged in a struggle for its economic future and for democracy. The economic policy, he said, is a daring effort to restore the economy to health, and that the Alignment is trying to bring down the Government by extra-parliamentary means, since it knows it cannot muster a vote of no confidence in the Knesset.

IL5 coin and IL1,000 note to be introduced shortly

By SHLOMO MAOZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Bank of Israel is preparing to issue a IL5 coin next year, since the fall in the value of the currency has led to increased use of the IL5 banknote and shortened its life considerably.

Two years ago, the average life of a IL5 note was more than a year, while now it lasts only eight or nine months before it wears out. At the same time, the cost of printing banknotes has gone up from the previous price of 50 agorot. By comparison, the minting of a IL5 coin costs 70 agorot, but lasts almost indefinitely — aside from the erosion by inflation.

Shmuel Aviezer of the Bank of Israel told *The Jerusalem Post* that the new coin will be bigger than the IL1 coin. The bank has taken into account future uses in vending machines and has determined the size and weight with this in mind. He also pointed out that in Europe and the U.S. coins are used for values higher than IL5, such as the DM5 coin, Swiss Fr5 and Swiss Fr10 coins, 51 coin and others.

It was also learned that the Bank of Israel plans to issue a IL1,000 banknote. It is not yet decided whose portrait, if any, will appear on that note. Rumour has it that it will be Ze'ev Jabotinsky.

Aviezer said that the IL500 banknote, of which IL2.6m. have so far been issued to replace 15 per cent of the IL100 notes in circulation, have been well accepted. The number of IL100 notes is now 45 million, as compared with 80 million before the IL500 note was issued. Total cash in circulation is IL4.6b.

Orthodox Young Couples

The new religious neighborhood (Kirya) in Safed offers you an opportunity to find a spacious new flat (apartment) on the terms of a long-term lease. An information meeting will be held on Saturday night, November 12, at 8:00 p.m. in the Great Synagogue, Safed. Rabbi Shlomo Ben-Shimon Kiryat Me'or Jerusalem, Tel. (02) 511002.

Exchange of letters

The following are the texts of letters from Pope Paul VI to President Begin, concerning Archbishop Capucci, and of President Begin's reply. They were released by the Office of the President, who decided to release the exchange of letters and expel him from Israel.

"His excellency Ephraim President of the State of Israel: We are deeply concerned by the serious health condition of Archbishop Capucci, who is confined in a hospital in Jerusalem, detained in a prison. We have also received requests from many quarters for a solution to be sought through the State."

"We therefore ask your excellency to be so good as to make use of your prerogatives of clemency in favour of the State of Israel in Archbishop Capucci's case. We are confident that his release will be beneficial to the State of Israel."

"Such an act cannot fail to be considered as one of friendly relations towards us and will be appreciated."

"With confidence, benevolent attention to our assurance of your excellent sentiments of the highest character."

"From the Vatican, 21 1977 PAULUS PP. VI"

CAPUCCI

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from his home at the Jerusalem suburb of St. This sparked suspicion among some, who said he was confined there during years in Ramle Prison, a joyed special privileges — private library and in certain visits for periods but complained about the condition "level" of his jailers hunger strikes the bishop reportedly lost 22 originally portly frame. I of his stay at Ramle, Capucci appeared frequently on prisoner whose free demanded by aircraft him.

After Israeli command hostage at Entebbe airport refused to speak to any days, the Israeli told Ar.

"The Vatican, too, had tried to have him free earlier, but for St. returned because it was a President Katsir in the Vatican recognizes neither of Israel nor the fact of capital is Jerusalem."

Last night, former Minister Yigal Alon negotiations about freed began under the Labour government, but broken off. His Labour night condemned the release of the arms archbishop as not we "Israel released a PLO, and he will misuse to defame Israel," it spokesman in Tel Aviv statement to the press.

Capucci's Greek-Catholic community of Jerusalem joined at his release, an unique issued here by drite Lutfi Laham expressed thanks to Pope Paul VI for his release.

In Haifa, Archbishop Saloum had earlier told Government for its deeds "I was pleased by the d were all Christians in the

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With deep grief, I announce the death of my dear husband

Dr. HARRY LEIBA

The funeral ceremony took place yesterday, Nov. 6, 1977.

Dr. Sara Leiba

Swastikas smeared on Bezael walls

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Three highly reputable sources in the Bezael Academy of Arts and Design confirmed to *The Jerusalem Post* last night that swastikas were painted on the walls of the Fine Arts Department last week.

The swastikas were painted over pictures of Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich, Education Minister Ze'ev Hammer and painter Avraham Ofek, who until recently taught in this department and has lately become involved with Orthodox Judaism.

According to one source, there is a small group of ultra left-wing students, with a hard core of perhaps four to five persons, who have identified themselves with the Baader-Meinhof terrorist group of West Germany.

This group distributed leaflets last week, one source said, in which they called for violent political action. Killing one individual, such as the Gush Emunim leader Hanan Porat, would be murder, the leaflet said, but killing the group such as Gush Emunim would be "political action."

4 men held for molesting Swedish tourists

HAIFA (Him). — Four men suspected of molesting two Swedish tourists were remanded yesterday for eight days by a magistrate here.

Police claim that Aharon Logat, 18, and Shimon Eran, David Shalosh, and Eliyahu Maman, all 22, met the two women at the 20th Century nightclub on the Carmel. They later took them to Shimon Eran's apartment, where they allegedly sexually molested them.

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Atarim firm scored State Comptroller

SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Atarim Company, the Tourism Ministry and the State Comptroller have agreed to develop the Atarim area, which has been languishing in the Comptroller's hands for years.

The charges brought by the company are shortcomings in planning, negligence in carrying out the project, failure to obtain permits and shortcomings in financial and administrative matters.

The Comptroller's report covers the work of the company since its establishment in 1967 until 1976 (in some cases information is up to mid-1977). Among the defects are:

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— long after the work had already been completed.

The Comptroller says that plans for the project were to have been fully drawn up by November 1969, but in actual fact they were several years behind schedule. The situation was so bad that in some cases, construction started before the blueprints were completed.

The Comptroller further criticizes Atarim for overlooking the fact that almost from the start, the contractor was behind schedule, grossly violating the terms of his contract. Although the entire project was to have been completed in 30 months, it was only officially dedicated in 1976 — still unfinished.

The contractor was dismissed in 1976, after more than five years of work. Atarim ended up paying him IL2.8m, instead of the IL4.5m. Initially agreed upon in the contract. The contractor is, furthermore, suing the company for another IL2.8m, which he says is owing to him.

The Comptroller places the blame for the situation squarely on Atarim. Measures against the contractor, he argues, should have been taken much earlier — as soon as the first delays started appearing in the reports received by the company from its own building supervisors.

The Comptroller calls attention to the fact that by mid-1977 many of the businesses purchased by private investors in Kikar Atarim were not open, even though the buyers took possession of them over two years ago. He reports that Atarim had considered a contractual clause obliging investors to open up their businesses as soon as the premises were handed over to them, but the clause was finally dropped. The Comptroller feels that opening the businesses would have infused more life into the plaza. The Atarim company, he suggests, should make the full operation of the project one of its chief goals.

(This summer, the board of directors decided to investigate why so many businesses were still closed. The investigation is still underway.) The Comptroller also takes Atarim to task for the fact that the yachting marina it had built near Kikar Namir was operated between 1973 to 1976 without a valid contract. While the matter was being battled out in court, the company had no effective supervision over the marina.

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Kirk Douglas gets his copy of "The Revolt" autographed by the author, Prime Minister Menachem Begin, during a call on the Premier in his Jerusalem office yesterday. The actor is currently shooting scenes in Caesarea for his new film. (Rahamim Yisraeli)

Canadian Hadassah-Wizo to set up fund to reduce Israel's brain drain

By JUDY HIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A multi-million pound fund to hire post-doctoral Israeli researchers and reduce the "brain drain" to the U.S. is being planned by the Hadassah-Wizo Organization of Canada, which will convene its 27th biennial convention in Jerusalem tomorrow night.

The scholarship programme, expected to be approved by the 1000 convention delegates this week, is meant to provide research jobs in Israeli institutions to qualified but unemployed persons who would otherwise be wooed away by foreign universities, said Clara Balinsky, the organization's national president, at a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday.

The programme would also be aimed at encouraging young Jewish Canadians to study and work in Israel. The size of the fund has not yet been decided.

Another idea that will be brought

to the delegates for approval is the rehabilitation and development of Tel Aviv's Beit Hatanach (former Tel Aviv Museum) — where Israel's Declaration of Independence was signed — into an "Independence Hall Museum" based on the model of the one in Philadelphia where the American declaration was signed 201 years ago.

The message of Israel's Declaration of Independence has not been impressed sufficiently either on Israelis or Diaspora Jews, Mrs. Balinsky asserted. With the addition of historical memorabilia, tapes of David Ben-Gurion's voice and other effects, she said, it could become a prime tourist and visitor attraction.

The 80-year-old organization, which has been headed by Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau for its educational and social work at home and in Israel, is the largest Jewish women's organization in Canada, with 17,000 members. It has founded and still

maintains seven schools here, 14 kindergartens and day-care centres and two women's clubs. Hadassah-Wizo also sponsors Assaf Harofeh Hospital near Tel Aviv, and is constructing a combination youth-senior citizen's club.

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Moslems protest demolition of Haifa mosque

HAIFA (Itim). — Moslem leaders here yesterday sent urgent telegrams to Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Religious Affairs Minister Aharon Abutatzela to protest against demolition work in the Moslem "Little Mosque" in the port area.

The telegrams sent by the Moslem Initiative Committee say: "On the Saturday holy to the Jews the Public Works Department defiled Moslem religious feeling by wrecking part of the 'Little Mosque.' The committee says the demolition is desecration according to Moslem religious law and appealed for the work to be brought to an end.

Asam Abasi, a member of the Moslem committee's executive said he has received information that the authorities intend to wreck part of the "Little Mosque" in order to put up a building for the Transport and Communications Ministry.

Supermarkets cut some food prices

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Superol chain of food stores has decided to continue for an indefinite period its sale of fresh beef.

Superol's spokesman announced that they are selling at pre-devaluation prices, plus a reduction of about IL6 per kilo. At first the chain had decided to hold the sale for one week only, he said, but the great interest that the public has shown led it to extend the sale.

Superol had also decided to lower its prices on citrus fruit, onions, and potatoes by at least 15 per cent this week. It says it has called on suppliers to sell them other produce at lower prices so that this can be offered to the public more cheaply.

The Hamashbir Litzachon chain of stores has also reduced prices this week by 10 per cent reduction on dozens of items. The chain says it will sell all items not on the special reduction sale, and which are produced locally, at the New Economic Policy prices.

Olympic to fly 15,000 Israelis to Rhodes in '78

BEN-GURION AIRPORT (Itim). — Olympic Airways plans to transport 15,000 Israelis to Rhodes in 1978 in cooperation with El Al, according to Zeev Kis, Olympic's manager in Israel.

Kis left yesterday for Athens to attend a meeting of Olympic Airlines managers with Greece's Minister of Transportation and the company's Board of Directors.

A return ticket to Rhodes will cost approximately \$125, he said.

THE FIRST International conference on gastro-intestinal cancer opens today at the Hilton Hotel in Tel Aviv, attended by scores of doctors and researchers from all over the world.

Sir Harold takes home some seeds from his forest

Sir Harold Wilson, former British Prime Minister, returned home from Israel last week with an unusual memento of his visit — a handful of seeds from the forest in his name, to plant in his backyard.

Sir Harold, who was in Israel to receive an honorary degree from the Weizmann Institute, visited the forest planted near Kfar Kanna in Galilee by the Jewish National Fund of Great Britain, accompanied by former Israeli Ambassador in London, Gideon Raphael.

Raphael asked his guest if he would like to plant a tree. "Is it hard work?" Sir Harold asked, to which Raphael replied: "After all, you are from the Labour Party."

Sir Harold shot back: "True, but as you know, I was fired!" Despite the light-hearted exchange, the former premier was visibly moved by the occasion and gathered up the seeds to take home with him.

Israelis to Lisbon for int'l meeting on religious peace

Jerusalem Post Reporter
BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — Three professors from Israel universities flew to Lisbon yesterday to take part in a colloquium on "The Changing World Order," organized by the International Religious Peace Colloquium, established in the U.S. five years ago.

The Israeli delegation included Prof. Amnon Rubinstein, the DMC Knesset Member; Prof. Shlomo Avineri, the former director-general of the Foreign Ministry, and Prof. Yosef Ben-Shlomo. Personalities from the religious world, economists and intellectuals are due to take part, including Moslems from the Middle East and various developing countries.

Avineri said that he would repeat the invitation he made at the previous colloquium two years ago in Italy to hold the next meeting in Israel "if the Arab delegates are willing to attend."

A STREET in Haifa was named for the late Shehadeh Shalah, former deputy mayor and Freeman of the city, in Wadi Niyas on Saturday.

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Post Reporter

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S.A. ready to 'force' firms to produce arms

JOHANNESBURG (AP). — South Africa is ready, if necessary, to force foreign and local companies to manufacture military supplies to counter the mandatory UN arms embargo, the minister of economic affairs was quoted as saying.

In an interview with "The Sunday Times" of Johannesburg, Minister Chris Heunis said the Pretoria government has the power to invoke extreme measures to compel companies to fill in the gaps left by the embargo.

The minister has that power under the National Supplies Procurement Act of 1970. "If forced to do so," he would apply the act, Heunis said.

A key section of the act gives the minister the power — when necessary for the security of South Africa — to order "any person who is capable of supplying, manufacturing, producing, processing or treating any goods, or has the power to dispose of, or has in his possession

or under his control any goods, or is the supplier to any service, to manufacture, produce, process or treat and to supply or deliver or sell it to the minister."

This means, "The Times" explained, that if U.S. companies obey the embargo with refusal to supply South Africa with essential war equipment, their subsidiaries in South Africa could be among those local companies compelled to produce the supplies. Failure to comply can also lead to a fine of 2,000 rands (U.S.\$-000) and two years in prison.

However, Heunis stressed he would only invoke the act if forced, as it was not in South Africa's best interests to specify goods which might be affected by the arms embargo.

He pointed out that South African subsidiaries of overseas firms were considered local companies and subject to local regulations.

Carver admits differences with Smith over peace plan

SALISBURY. — Prime Minister Ian Smith yesterday huddled with British Field Marshal Lord Carver, to whom he is to surrender power prior to majority rule, but they failed to agree on the crucial military and constitutional aspects of the Anglo-American plan to end the five-year-old Rhodesian guerrilla war.

Before leaving for neighbouring Botswana, Carver broke his silence on the delicate talks he had there and in Tanzania. He admitted that a gulf remains between Rhodesian leaders and black nationalists over the fundamental provisions of the Anglo-American blueprint.

Asked if his and Smith's viewpoints were any closer following their hour and 40 minute meeting, Carver replied, "No, but I think we understand ourselves a good deal better."

Carver said he expected to hold more talks with all parties after reporting to British Foreign Secretary David Owen. "I'm certainly not going home discouraged," he said.

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33 die as U.S. dam collapses

TOCOGA, Georgia (AP). — Thirty-three persons were killed yesterday when a dam in northeast Georgia burst, and authorities said the death toll was expected to rise.

"They are still bringing out more bodies," a dispatcher for the Toconga police department said. At least 34 persons were injured when a dam over Kelley Barnes Lake north of here burst and spilled over Toconga Falls and went down into a valley

near Toconga Falls Bible College.

Authorities said many of the dead were students and adults who lived near the college in a trailer park which was inundated by floodwaters which cascaded into a creek already swollen by heavy rainfall.

Cars and houses were washed away down the stream as the lake overflowed its boundaries, and police said they could hear the screams of people pleading for help.



Actress Anne Bancroft, who plays the title role in the new Broadway production "Gilda" based on the life of former Prime Minister Golda Meir, strikes a similar thoughtful pose as Golda is honoured at New York City Hall last Friday. Golda saw a preview performance of the show last Thursday and saw it again last night. (UPI telephoto)

Levesque leaves Paris with grand send-off

PARIS (UPI). — Quebec Premier Rene Levesque left yesterday for Montreal after an official three-day visit, seen off by the French government with still another rare gesture.

French Premier Raymond Barre not only bid farewell to Levesque in the honour salon of Orly Airport, but Barre went to the Hotel Crillon to fetch Levesque and take him to the airport.

Canadian Ambassador Gerard Pelletier said on Saturday that the Ottawa government would carefully assess the warm reception and honours given to Levesque and decide if they were different from those given other Canadian province premiers.

Levesque's unprecedented reception in Paris, according to many observers, underscored France's apparent commitment to an autonomous French province in Canada, a point of view articulated years ago by the late Gen. de Gaulle.

ANTS. — A "super-race" of ants has built up what Swiss ecologists believe to be the world's biggest red wood ant colony by conquering and occupying smaller colonies in a Swiss forest.

Skirmishes in Addis Ababa

BERGRADE (AP). — Tension mounted yesterday in the Ethiopian capital amid reports of anti-government forces engaged in skirmishes there with troops of the military government.

The Yugoslav news agency Tanjug reported from Addis Ababa that shots were heard in the daytime after earlier reports of street battles at night. It said the gunshots were evidence of attacks by "counter-revolutionaries" or "anarchists."

Meanwhile, the Ethiopian regime has released about 500 political prisoners from jails in the countryside after they pledged loyalty to the government, the agency said.

This Ethiopian news organizations, which last week had reduced coverage of the war against invading Somali-backed forces, reported on Saturday that Ethiopian popular militia units had captured arms and ammunition near Aguder, Tanjug said.

Furthermore, Ethiopian pilots who have completed their training in the Soviet Union have started flying planes furnished by the Soviets, the Yugoslav report said.

The port of Asab, the only available Ethiopian connection with the Red Sea, is full of unloaded arms and ammunition, with 15 ships awaiting their turn to unload, it was reported. Heavy anti-aircraft outposts dot the port to ensure safe transport of tanks and heavy guns to the Ethiopian interior.

Meanwhile, Colonel Mengistu Haile Mariam, the Ethiopian head of state, has reportedly left for Libya on an undisclosed mission, Tanjug said, noting that the report has been neither confirmed nor denied.

But the Ethiopian Ministry of Information issued a fresh denial of Somali claims that between 6,000 and 15,000 Cuban soldiers have bolstered the Ethiopian army, the Yugoslav report said.

Musician Guy Lombardo dies

HOUSTON, Texas (Reuters). — Bandleader Guy Lombardo died here on Saturday night of complications following heart surgery. He was 75.

For decades an American institution with his gaily televised rendition of "Auld Lang Syne" at the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve, he made a trademark of mellow, ballroom swing.

As new sounds came and went his orchestra, the Royal Canadians, always found a market for a brand of music that spoke of moonlit nights, romance and love. Their records sold more than 100 million copies.

A spokesman at Methodist Hospital said the death of Lombardo, who suffered lung and kidney ailments after major arterial surgery in September, "was a tragic occurrence, completely unexpected."

Lombardo had been under the care of famed heart surgeon Dr. Michael DeBakey.

Lombardo, who entitled his autobiography "The Sweetest Music This Side of Heaven," kept up a constant round of hotel and theatre appearances.

He began his climb to prominence in 1924 when he made his first radio broadcast of the smooth, dance band music that he never changed for the



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rest of his career. Born in London, Ontario, on June 19, 1902, Lombardo was a bandleader from the age of 14. He married Lillie Belle Glen in 1926.

A powerboat enthusiast, Lombardo made attempts on the world water speed records of Sir Malcolm Campbell and son, Donald. He called his boats "Tempo."

Creator of comic 'Asterix' dies

PARIS (AP). — Rene Goscinny, creator of the French comic strip character Asterix the Gaul, died here Saturday of a heart attack at the age of 61.

His wife said Goscinny suffered the attack while exercising on a stationary bicycle during a routine heart checkup at a Paris clinic.

Goscinny began writing the French-language scripts for the Asterix series in 1959. The character of Asterix and his friend Obelix, who waged perpetual war against the Roman occupiers of Gaul, were illustrated by Albert Uderzo.

The texts have been translated into dozens of languages and his comic albums were reported to have sold 15 million copies worldwide.

Goscinny also wrote scripts for another comic strip success, the Lucky Luke cowboy series. Goscinny was born in Paris in 1926. His parents went to Argentina in 1928 where he lived until he was 19. After military service in France he went to New York in 1949 and worked in advertising.

He returned to Paris in the mid-1950s and developed the scripts for his comic heroes.

Next N.Y. mayor faces deluge of urban ills

By ARTHUR SPIEGELMAN
NEW YORK (Reuters). — New Yorkers go to the polls tomorrow to choose a new mayor — and the man most likely to win is offering few comforts to a city deep in debt and plagued by almost every conceivable urban ill.

With only two days remaining before balloting, Democratic Congressman Edward Koch holds a commanding lead in the polls over his nearest rival, Liberal Party candidate Mario Cuomo.

Instead of relaxing, the 52-year old bachelor concentrates his energies on campaigning, greeting voters from dawn until late at night with what has now become a familiar litany of his campaign: "Hi, hiya, how am I doing?"

The polls say Koch is doing fine. He has a lead of between 14 and 20 points over Cuomo. But that is only in terms of getting elected — what comes afterwards may not be so nice. For the next mayor of New York will have to continue the city's battle against bankruptcy, high unemployment and a crippling welfare load.

He will either have to convince the public to once again buy New York City bonds, something it has refused to do for the past 24 years, or persuade an increasingly reluctant Congress to renew its federal loans programme to New York.

He will have to deal with restive municipal workers' unions, which have seen thousands of their members either lose their jobs in the city's fiscal crisis or go without pay increases. And the next mayor will have to find a way to stop the flow of jobs from America's largest city — 600,000 in the past eight years.

A way also has to be found by the next city administration to reduce the city's welfare burden. One out of

every eight New Yorkers is on welfare and the city is responsible for footing most of that crippling bill.

There are many more problems facing the next mayor, ranging from what to do about the miles of burnt-out slums defacing the South Bronx to how to save a crumbling school system.

Koch has promised New Yorkers continued austerity as part of his solution to the city's problems. He has promised to be tough with the unions and threatened to dismiss more city workers if needed, or at least reform the way they work.

His toughness may sound good to the average voter but to the unions it is anathema. Publicly they support Cuomo, but privately they wonder how they will be able to deal with Koch if he is elected.

Many predict that the opening months of a Koch administration will be as stormy as that of Liberal Republican John Lindsay, who took office in 1965 just as a city-wide transport strike started.

The first problem confronting the next mayor is the same as the city's present one-term mayor, Abraham Beame, has had to face in his four years in office — a flood of red ink.

The city's current budget is in balance but projections for the coming year forecast deficits ranging from a "mere" \$66m. to \$400m.

It is not without reason that the New York City mayoralty is often called the second toughest job in America, and that the men who have occupied it have usually found it leading nowhere.

But what is a surprise is that so many people want to be mayor of New York. Koch had to beat six other contenders for the Democratic nomination, including the incumbent Abraham Beame and Mario Cuomo.

Sahara war helps Hassan

IT APPEARS that the older the "liberated" African countries become, the more active the "liberation" movements on the continent. We have seen how Somalia used its Western Somali Liberation Front to invade and seize most of Ogaden from Ethiopia, defying one of the most sacred precepts of the Organization of African Unity charter — leaving intact the colonialist borders so as to avoid confusion.

In northwest Africa another movement, the Polisario, which claims the Western Sahara phosphate-rich region left by Spain to Morocco and Mauritania, fights a guerrilla war. Its claim is backed by Algeria, envious of the phosphate bonanza being garnered by its neighbours.

The Polisario wages a desert war plus a political and psychological campaign from a safe haven in Algeria; that support continues even though Algeria has lost ground diplomatically.

Once pressing for the radical leadership of the Third World, Algeria has been outvoted on the Sahara in the OAU, the Arab League and the UN.

And now the Saharan struggle has taken a new turn. Taking advantage of the fact that Mauritania employs a couple of thousand Frenchmen, the Polisario apparently sought to internationalise its fight: in May it kidnapped six French citizens. On October 26 it seized another two.

Algeria got into the act when families of the kidnapped persons asked President Boumedienne to intercede with the Polisario on their behalf. The Algerians were quick to urge France to start negotiating with Polisario leader Mohammed Abdelaziz — one way of getting him some kind of international recognition.

BY LAST WEEK the French, in a show of force, flew troops to Senegal near the Mauritania border. The eight hostages, one of them a woman, are believed held in Polisario bases near the Algerian town of Tindouf.

Little has been reported here of the Polisario's beginnings. It has given the name of Sahara Democratic Arab Republic to the Western Sahara whose nomads are descended from tribes which emigrated from the east many centuries ago. They have only an oral history defending the vast wasteland they call their homeland.

This tradition is continued in the Polisario (the Spanish initials for Saharan Liberation Front) which launched its first operation on May 20, 1973. On that day, six Saharans on foot armed with one pistol and a broken machinegun, captured a Spanish army patrol. This was accomplished by the simple ruse of firing the pistol in the air and aiming the useless machinegun at the Spanish.

They seized the necessary weapons to begin operations only 10 days after the movement was created. The guerrillas made



themselves known by hit-and-runs on the Spanish; by Dec 1974, they were able to stage a battle with the Spanish, 16 killed and wounding 11 others.

By the time the Spanish quit the area, the Polisario got Algeria backing against Mauritania; Morocco and were thus able to up the fight. They evidently thought this should be withdrawn movement would collapse — the Kurds did when Iran did them.

In that case, their men may risk the desert, but their threat would be over. However there is still no sign that Algerians will change their minds.

IT IS AN IRONY that King Hassan strengthened his position on the throne because Polisario and Algerian adventurism have nurtured Moroccan support for the oil-rich Arab states to help for expanding Hassan's forces.

From the beginning of the trouble in 1973, the Moroccan troops managed to themselves in the main towns. But despite their superiority in men, arms and equipment, Moroccan troops were unable to stop the Polisario's raids.

For their part, the Polisario army of about 5,000, equipped and paid by Algeria, has so far made a big nuisance of themselves without being able to force a military decision.

French armed intervention to rescue the hostages isn't likely to succeed in the enormous wastes and last week's sabre-rattling doesn't frighten either the Polisario Algerians. And despite a French complaint, a friendly relations with Algiers make Paris try to keep the pings from being a major issue.

One thing can be said: Saharans. At least the laudable intention to recover their land long before knew there were phosphates.

France negotiates for hostages

ALGERIA (Reuters). — Maj. Abdel Salam Jalloud, number two man in the Libyan government, arrived here on Saturday night from Paris, where he had talks with President Valery Giscard d'Estaing on eight French hostages believed held by Algerian-backed Polisario guerrillas.

The official APS news agency, reporting his arrival, said that Jalloud met Algerian President Houari Boumedienne and Mohamed Lamine, prime minister of Polisario's self-styled Democratic Arab Saharan Republic (RASD).

here on November 1 before Paris.

Special French envoy Chayet on Saturday had round of talks with French representatives here on the French hostages, believed in Mauritania by guerrillas. Neither side details of the talks. They meet again yesterday.

Polisario is fighting dependence for Western which was ceded to Mauritania last year by Spain but confirmed that it is French hostages.

Pentagon officials sceptic about early Salt agreement

WASHINGTON (AP). — U.S. defence officials said on Saturday they would be surprised to see U.S. and Soviet negotiators reach agreement this year on a new Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty, despite President Carter's optimism.

The officials also are reserving judgment on whether the two countries, have, made balancing concessions in seeking a new treaty, adding that they are awaiting the outcome of further negotiations on many nettlesome details before reaching that judgment.

In telling reporters their doubts that a new Salt treaty can be signed this year, the officials took what appeared to be another step backward from the optimistic forecasts by Carter about a month ago.

Carter predicted on October 2 that "within a few weeks we will have a Salt agreement that will be the pride of the country."

But by October 27 he had modified his position to "guess that we have a fairly good prospect within the next few weeks of a description of the general terms for a settlement." But the President said nothing about details "would take long and tedious negotiations."

Defence officials indicated that they are uncertain whether the final agreement will assure means of verification that would prevent any cheating that might upset the nuclear balance. While they said the Russians have agreed to some limitations on the new Soviet backfire bomber, the U.S. officials made it clear that the fine print is not yet finalized. Therefore, they said, they are not ready to say whether these limitations are good or not good enough.

Despite uncertainties, defence officials insist that the proposed eight-year U.S.-Soviet treaty now taking shape would make it possible for the

U.S. to retain strategic parity with the Soviets.

They disputed the comment by Paul Nitze, a former Salt negotiator, that the U.S. would be "inherent inferiority" tentatively worked out.

Defence officials said that the U.S. force Minuteman intercontinental missiles in fixed silos would become vulnerable to Soviet missile attack even with an arms limits treaty.

But they said survival of not dependent on survival-based missiles, be U.S. also has a powerful submarine-launched missile to deter attack, a bomber-launched cruise missile under development will be deterrent.

In a concession to the U.S. reportedly has a temporary three-year bar on deployment of air-launched missiles with a range longer than 1,000 kms. The ban would be in a special protocol separate the treaty.

Nitze suggested the Russians might seriously hobble the U.S. weapons to remain inside the Soviet Union main in effect indefinitely would minimize a U.S. since the Russians are trail the U.S. by from years in this technology.

Responding to Nitze, officials said the U.S. would to any range limitation of missile beyond the three if it was found to be in U.S. interests. The missile will not be ready for 1980, so a three-year barment does not bother officials.

Carter vetoes breeder reactor project

WASHINGTON (AP). — U.S. President Carter used his first veto Saturday, turning down a bill that would have authorized \$80m. for a nuclear breeder reactor project.

Carter said approval of the Clinch River breeder reactor project would "imperial the Administration's policy to curb proliferation of nuclear weapons technology."

In his veto message, the President said the Tennessee reactor project would be "technically and economically unnecessary."

The project is a government venture to demonstrate the feasibility of breeder reactors, which more nuclear fuel than consume.

The fuel produced is which can be converted atomic bombs. Carter project shut down as program to halt spread of weapons-grade material.

Histadrut - General Federation of Labour in Israel The Executive Committee

NOTICE TO DELEGATES AND GUESTS TO THE 13TH HISTADRUT CONVENTION:



The Festive Opening Session in the presence of The President of the State of Israel, Prof. Efraim Katzir, will take place on Monday, November 7, 1977, at 4.30 p.m. at the Binyanei Haoomah Bldg., Jerusalem.

The doors will be closed at 4.20 p.m. sharp. All delegates and guests are requested to be on time.



Morning Session on November 7, 1977
The Session will open at 11.00 a.m. sharp.
The delegates to the convention are requested to come early to receive their delegate file at the Convention office at the Binyanei Haoomah Bldg.

For the attention of all Delegates and Guests!

Free parking in the Binyanei Haoomah parking lot. Transportation to the opening session in Jerusalem will be provided for Guests on Monday, November 7, at 2.30 p.m. at the Histadrut Executive Bldg.

For the attention of Delegates only!

Transportation to Jerusalem will be provided for Delegates on Monday, November 7, at 8.00 a.m. at the rear entrance of the Histadrut Executive Bldg.

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By MACABEE DEAN / Jerusalem Post Reporter



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HIS HYPOTHESIS indicates that immature "T-cells" are like many young people — anti-establishment, with the establishment in this case being the normal cells of the body; but if these young cells grow up, under the influence of the thymus, they become conservative and fight to preserve the establishment.

TWO OTHER things are interesting about his work. The first is that the rights to manufacture T-cells commercially have been obtained by Miles Laboratories, of Elkhart, Indiana, and the Yeda Research and Development company at the Weizmann Institute; the second is that part of the research funds — but far from all — were furnished by the Israel Cancer Association, which is holding its annual "Knock out every Door" campaign this November 8.

The ICA is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year; and for the first ten years of its existence, it was an organization dominated by professional personnel, medical and

otherwise. But 15 years ago it "went public," welcoming volunteers, until today it can mobilize upward of 40,000 persons (about 25,000 are high school students) for its "knock out every door" campaign; throughout most of the year, it is supported by several hundred (unpaid) volunteers.

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The ICA is active on many fronts besides research. Information is one. Its anti-smoking campaign has been going on for years; and this year, it is tackling the "sun worshipping" cult.

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PHILIP and Muriel Berman, the Allentown Penn., couple who donated the 50-ton Alexander Calder stabile to Jerusalem are currently placing a dozen monumental works by Israeli sculptors in parks and public areas at Lehigh University and around the Lehigh Valley in Pennsylvania. The works include five enormous corten-steel pieces by Yehiel Shemi, one 15 metres long and eight metres high; three large environmental works by Menashe Kadishman, one nearly 30 metres long and weighing a total of 60 tons (shown here); a stone sculpture by Buki Schwartz; and a stainless steel work by Ya'acov Agam. Under construction is a 53-metre high metal "ribbon" which will span a highway, designed by Yisrael Hadany. Avid collectors of modern art, the Bermans own Hess's, the biggest department store in Allentown, which contains an art gallery run by Muriel Berman. The Bermans say "by exchanging art in a meaningful way, the people of various countries can get to know and relate to each other much better."

A sensitivity to clean streets

By ZVI ARENSTEIN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

"temporary return" to America. "We were having problems with our children's education, with Israeli bureaucracy and in the area of human relationships," he told me recently in his Dimona office.

Winer then became interested in volunteering as a way of making his contribution to the country. "I want to volunteer my services as a teacher. Each time the officials would greet me enthusiastically, but would keep passing me on to someone else. A close friend finally made me realize that I would have to accept a job on my own terms — with a salary — if I was going to achieve what I wanted," he said. That's when he saw a newspaper advertisement asking for candidates for the job of town clerk in Dimona.

The American must surely have been one of the most unusual candidates the Dimona town council ever interviewed for the position. Winer had none of the usual qualifications but told them that he had a "sensitivity to streets being clean, to schools functioning, to a welfare system operating, to police helping individuals and, in general, to creating an esprit de corps among the municipality's personnel." He got the job, though not immediately.

Comparing his fellow Sephardi workers with the Ashkenazi administrators he worked with previously in Jerusalem, the former professor says: "The Sephardim don't seem to have the inflexibility of the country's Ashkenazi establishment. Change may be difficult here but innovation within the structure is comparatively easy. They may not accept my ideas in full, but they are often ready to adapt them in Dimona," he says.

What has Winer accomplished since his arrival in this Negev development town? Any citizen with a problem is invited to meet him and Winer tries to intercede on his behalf, sometimes cutting through procedures. A lecture series has been established — and, an almost unbelievable achievement — the lecturers get paid on the spot without having to fill out cumbersome forms.

He has started a Bible study group, which is attended by the mayor and the chief of police. He has volunteered to give part-time religious instruction in the local secular high school. He has even struck common ground with Dimona's Black Hebrew population and his door is open to their problems.

Of course he has problems. What official in such a town doesn't? "There are hardly any new immigrants coming to Dimona, yet there are three separate agencies here handling their problems. Medical services are inadequate. There is no X-ray equipment and a shocking shortage of doctors." When he suggested bringing volunteer doctors from abroad, the local administrators gave their approval — only to be turned down by their higher echelons in Tel Aviv. "But those," he sighs, "are the frustrations of the job."

Winer is soon to leave on a lecture tour of the U.S. His topic: "Living and working in a development town." His message: "I've discovered that there are things that can be done, changed and improved in Israel. A desert development town is fertile soil for finding satisfying activity. This is a place where everyone can help to build a developing society."

In Gershon Winer's case, his actions speak even louder than his words.

The Secretary General and the Executive Committee of the Histadrut

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The fraternal Delegates of the International Labour Movement to The 13th National Convention of the Histadrut

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27th Biennial Convention Celebrating the 60th Anniversary Hadassah-WIZO Organization of Canada November 6 — 16, 1977



Jerusalem, 12 October 1977

As the people of Israel welcome the delegates to Canadian Hadassah WIZO's sixtieth anniversary convention, many of us know that our own lives have been touched and benefitted by the work done by women in those far-off northern cities. It was with Zionist conviction that this work began in days of privation and uncertainty in the Land, and it is surely with Zionist conviction that your convention in the green and flourishing Israel of today will meet the problems and the challenges that face us all.

Ephraim Katzir

To the President of Israel,
Professor Ephraim Katzir
To the Prime Minister of Israel,
Mr. Menahem Begin
To the People of Israel

We, members of Hadassah-WIZO Organization of Canada,
do hereby proclaim

We have come to attend our 27th Biennial Convention in Israel
in celebration of our 60th Anniversary
as an act of affirmation of our devotion to Israel
and as a testament to our everlasting ties with Israel.

We Are One People

Canadian Hadassah-WIZO
recognizes the many difficulties which beset the State of Israel and will do
everything within its power to encourage aliyah, to give financial and moral
assistance to the People of Israel and to the Government of Israel.

We recall the long history of our people
the great vision of our prophets
the eternal wisdom of our Torah.
We also recall with searing pain the years of exile —
the millennia of dispersion and discrimination.

We lift up our voices in thankfulness to be in Israel reborn
and
in Jerusalem the eternal city of our people.

We salute the People of Israel and the Government of Israel
on the eve of the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel.

יחי עם ישראל



Menahem Begin
Prime Minister,
State of Israel

It gives me much personal pleasure to Welcome among the members of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO on the occasion of your Sixtieth Jubilee Convention. Significantly, it coincides with the Sixtieth Anniversary of the Balfour Declaration document that was to become a milestone in the history of the Jewish people's right to freedom and independence in our ancient homeland.

Much has been accomplished by the Jewish people in the past six decades to make our Land a proud and resolute state and the contribution of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO has been notable. But much still remains to be done in order to guarantee our inner strength as we strive towards the peace which we are so passionately dedicated. Together, we can succeed.

In this connection it is significant that Canadian Hadassah-WIZO has set up this year its own Aliyah enterprise, treasure your spiritual, moral and material support nothing can match Aliyah as the supreme expression of Jewish life.

This Convention demonstrates again the unity of the Jewish people and its unconquerable spirit. I congratulate Canadian Hadassah-WIZO for holding its Jubilee Convention here, a wish all of you every success.

Menahem Begin

Convention Programme Highlights



Mrs. Allen Small
Convention Chairman

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 — JERUSALEM DAY

MORNING: Yad Vashem Special Memorial Services for Holocaust Martyrs. Mr. Gideon Hausner, M.K. participating.

NOON: Luncheon Reception at Jerusalem Theatre. Hosts: Teddy Kollek, Mayor of Jerusalem, Mr. Moshe Rivlin, World Chairman, Jewish National Fund, Keren Kayemeth Le Israel.

AFTERNOON: Thanksgiving Services at the Western Wall with the participation of the Chief Rabbi of the Israel Defence Forces, Ahuf Gad Navon, and the Choir of the Army Rabbinate.

EVENING: Torch Lighting Ceremony.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10 — TRAVELLING SEMINARS

MORNING: 1. Absorption. Speaker: Mr. Harry Rosen, Acting Director General, Jewish Agency. II. Youth Encounter: "The Challenge of the Future to the Meaning of Zionism: New Perspective." Panel: Rabbi Dr. David Hartman and students at the Hebrew University.

NOON: Lunch at the Hebrew University. Hosts: Canadian Friends of Hebrew University. Mr. Allan Bronfman, National President.

AFTERNOON: "The Other Israel" Briefing by Dr. Eliezer Yaffe of the Hebrew University School of Social Work, followed by visits to depressed areas.

EVENING: Buffet Reception at the Knesset. Sponsored by: Bank Hapoalim Ltd. Remarks: Mr. E. Reiner, Joint Managing Director, Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Board of Management of Bank Hapoalim Ltd. Discussion: "Foreign Affairs" with the participation of Mr. Yigael Yadin, M.K., Democratic Movement for Change; Mr. Abba Eban, M.K., Labour Alignment; and Mr. Moshe Arens, Likud.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11 — CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

MORNING: Plenary Session (closed meeting) at the Hilton Hotel. Men's Special Programme.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

AFTERNOON: High Tea at the Plaza Hotel. Discussion: "Zionism — A Thirty Year Perspective". Speaker: The Hon. Yitzhak Navon, M.K.

EVENING: "Declaration of Independence Evening" at Binyanei Ha'Ooma. Honouring the signatories of Israel's Declaration of Independence, and Tribute to the Honorary Presidents of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO. Guest Speaker: Mr. Yosef Tekoa, President of Ben-Gurion University and former Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations. Musical programme — Chava Alberstein.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13 —
TRAVELLING SEMINARS**

I. Visit and Tree Planting — Jewish National Fund Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael, Canada Park.

II. Visit to Asaf Harofe Hospital and dedication of Clara Balinsky Day Care Centre.

III. Visit and Workshop on Youth Aliyah at Canadian Hadassah-WIZO Magdiele Comprehensive Secondary School and Youth Village.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14 — TEL AVIV

EVENING: Closing Banquet at the Tel Aviv Hilton Hotel. Keynote address: H.E. Prime Minister of Israel, Menahem Begin. Host: Mr. E.L. Japhet, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive of Bank Leumi le-Israel B.M.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 —
TRAVELLING SEMINARS**

MORNING: Option A. Visit to Canadian Hadassah-WIZO Neri Bloomfield Haifa Community College. Option B. Visit to Canadian Hadassah-WIZO Acco Educational and Vocational Youth Village. Option C. Visit to Canadian Hadassah-WIZO Nahalal Agricultural Secondary School.

EVENING: Farewell Reception at Tel Aviv Museum. Hosts: Shlomo Lahat, Mayor of Tel Aviv-Yafo, and Mrs. Raya Jaglom, President of World-WIZO.

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Clara Balinsky Day Care Centre at Asaf Harofe
Hebrew University School of Floriculture at Rehovot
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Room in School Building dedicated to the memory of the late Mrs. Mary Fox
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Dedications at Canadian Hadassah-WIZO Magdiele Comprehensive Secondary School and Youth Village (Youth Aliya)

Dormitory by Annie Robinson Estate, Toronto
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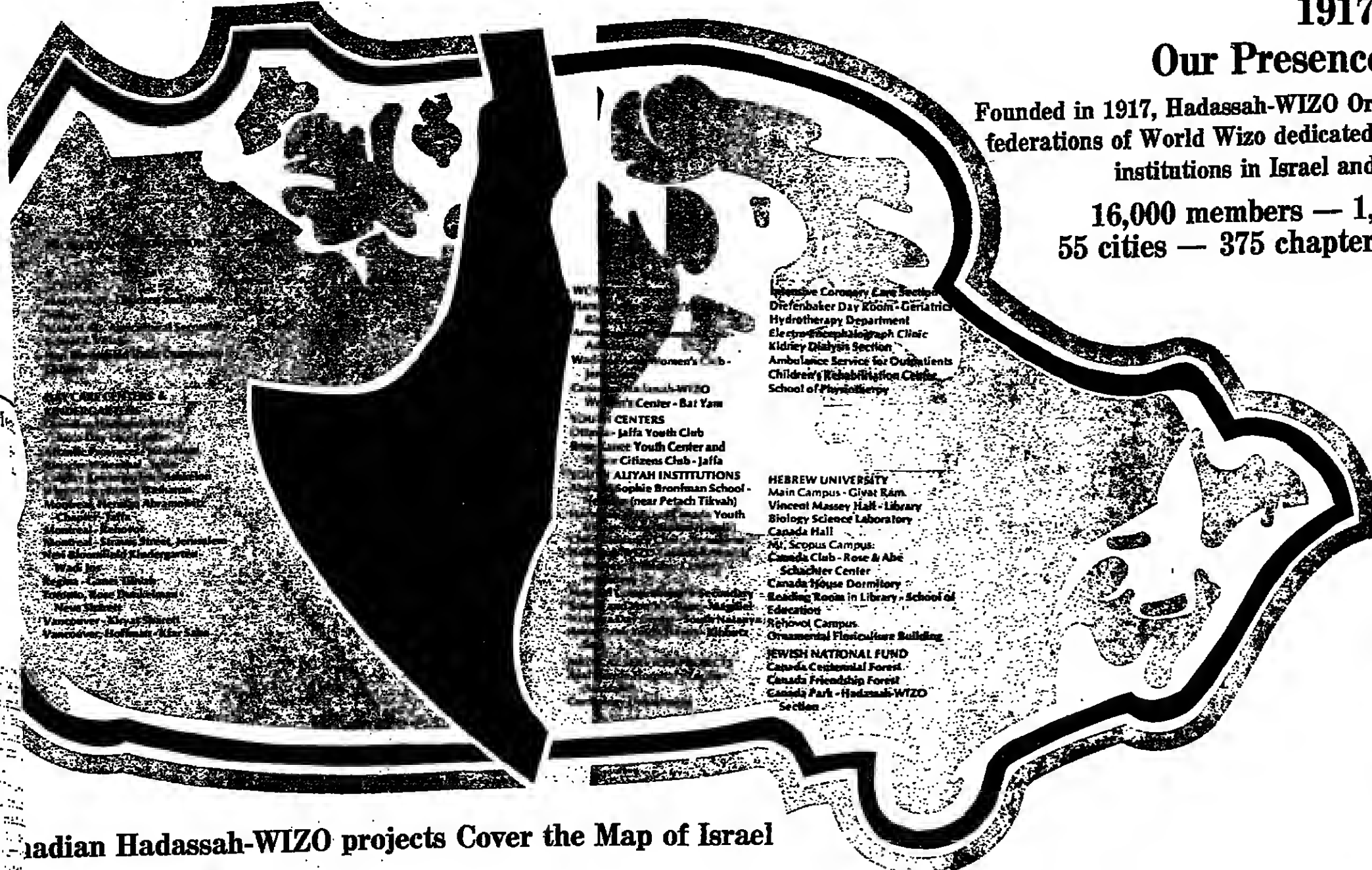


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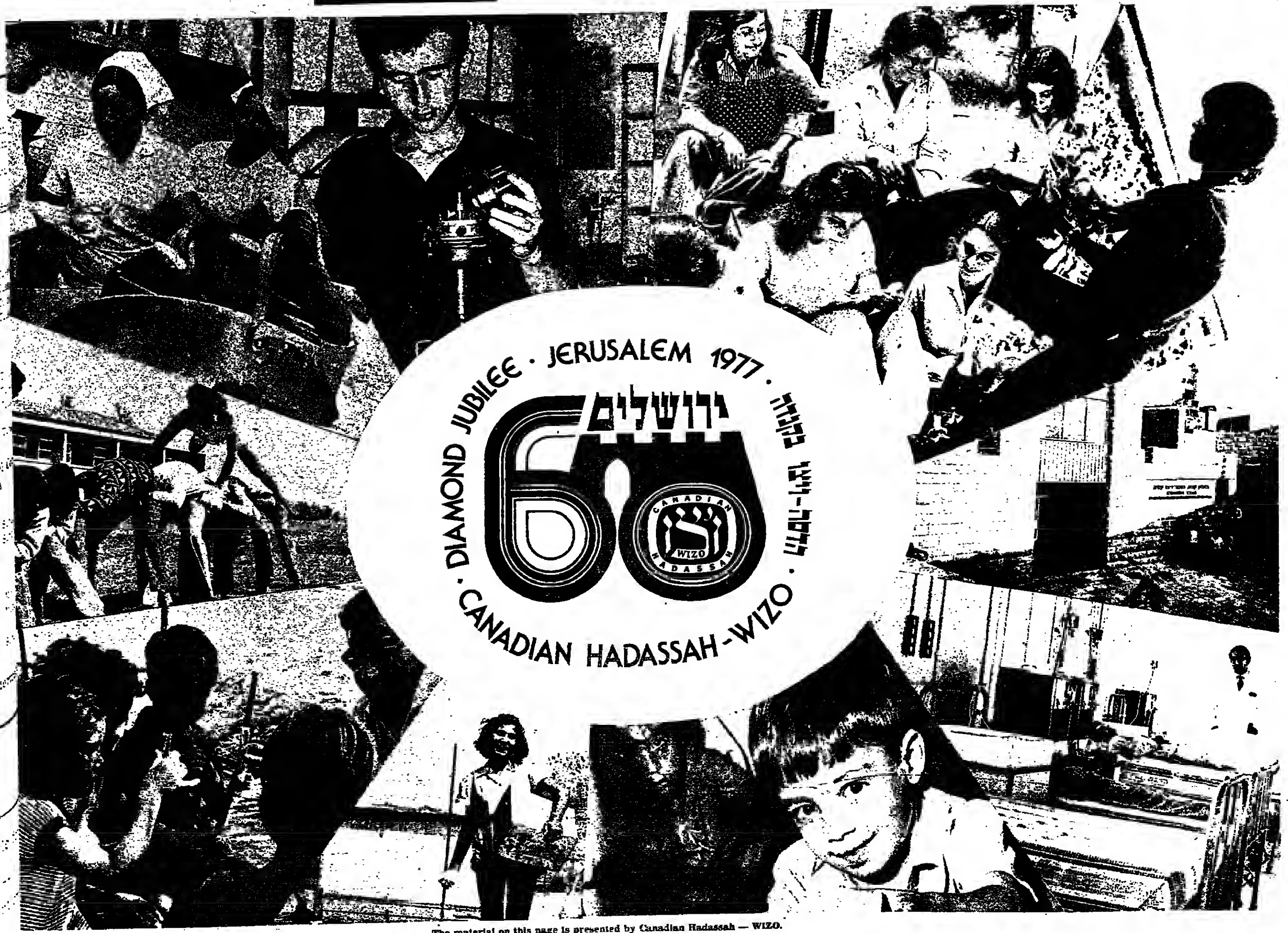
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Studies are mixed and so is the student body

An understanding of students

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN / Jerusalem Post Reporter

"THEY UNDERSTAND students here," says Ephraim Benyamini of the Ben Zion Monevson Educational Vocational Training Centre in Hod Hasharon.

Effie, as his friends call him, speaks with some authority. He is 18 and has been studying at the centre for three years. And this is the third boarding school he has attended.

Effie is one of 580 students in the vocational stream, which includes courses in electronics, mechanics, and automobile mechanics. A relatively new department was started recently to train young girls as laboratory technicians for high schools.

After five years of study, Effie will qualify as an electronics technician. Like others in the five-year programme, he is being allowed to defer his army service one year.

The vocational stream is a fairly new development. The school was established in 1941 as an agricultural college to absorb and train young Holocaust survivors brought here through Youth Aliya. In the early 1960s, it switched over to vocational training. By 1967, it had become the high school of Hod Hasharon and began to offer academic courses. Today it has about 170 pupils studying humanities, exact sciences and biological sciences.

ABOUT HALF of the Centre's 700 students live there in dormitories. The presence of the boarders and the variety of extra-curricular activities — ranging from drama to sports to folk-dancing — attract non-boarders and have turned the place into a genuine youth village.

Many of the boarders are still sponsored by Youth Aliya or the Ministry of Welfare. Some 70 of them are from Latin American countries within the Youth Aliya movement. They complete their 11th and 12th grades here, studying partly in Spanish.

This approach has been so successful — nearly 95 per cent of the students enroll in Israel — that the school intends to introduce a similar one in 1978 for Portuguese-speaking pupils from Brazil.

NOGA BREDA, 15, is a 10th grader in the academic stream. A Hod Hasharon resident, she chose the Centre over other schools in the area because she found the attitude towards the pupils "freer."

Asked about the integration between Latin Americans and Israelis, between local students and boarders, between the poorer students and the better off ones, Noga said that it all depended on "who was with you in the class." Otherwise, contact tended to be

limited. Effie, however, said that he had friends among the boarders, including the Latin Americans, and among those who live in Hod Hasharon.

According to the recently appointed director, Mr. Shraga Milestein, the Centre provides a good example of integration between the different groups. He admitted that sometimes there are conflicts in life style, but he dismissed these as not very serious. Instructors and social workers help the students to deal with their conflicts when they arise.

The school's annual budget amounts to \$1.5m. Mr. Milestein said. The money comes from the Ministry of Education and from tuition fees. The boarding school is financed by Youth Aliya.

Since 1968, the Hadassah Wizo Organization of Canada has been contributing funds to the school. In practical terms this means that Canadian Wizo helps with the development programme — new laboratories, buildings, and so on.

Looking over the green lawns, the trees lining the paths that connect the various buildings, with youngsters from several countries milling around, one cannot but be impressed by the worthiness of the project.

KISHON AT HABIMA

CURTAIN RAISERS / Catherine Rosenheimer



Nissim Asikri and Lia Konig in "His Friend at Court."

anything about water pipes" he protests when his relative assures him this is the job for him. "Don't his cousin says. 'Today you're a dustman, tomorrow a building con-

tractor, and before you know where you are, you're the new Ambassador to Mexico." My main interest in attending a dress rehearsal of "His Friend at

Court" was that there was to be simultaneous English translation or so I had heard. Strange to say, however, Kishon's translation, one at Habima, from their previous relations to artistic director Shimon Bar Shavit, or administrative director Shmuel Or, seemed able or willing to provide any details.

Meanwhile, while waiting Habima to respond to three telephone inquiries, I happen to learn, from an advertisement, the simultaneous translations of the play. On Sunday, November 6th, if Habima are to display the same phlegmatic and reluctant publicizing the matter to potential audiences as they have to Jerusalem Post, the only English newspaper for English-speaking readers, perhaps they were better advised to use the elderable public funds in any other way.

VETERAN German-speaking actor Freddy Durra has a show, "Carroussel der Zeit" (Time Carroussel). Vienna Durra has been performing his on stage and at the club he has many years in his native Vienna for almost 40 years. His new like his previous ones, come part political satire, part light talent and songs which, cabaret performer and composer his specialty. He recently returned from a very successful tour in Australia, his second, and presenting his "Carroussel" at Haifa, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem in the coming months.

Between Quebec's two communities

By CHARLES LAZARUS
Special to The Jerusalem Post

MONTREAL — With Quebec's new nationalism continuing to hammer away on behalf of French as the only official language of the province, and on behalf of the virtues of possible separate statehood, Montreal's Jewish community seems caught in a Catch 22 circle.

Going along with the francophone nationalist aspirations and manifestations raises apprehensions of future links with segments of the anglophone community who are mounting a furious battle to fight the separatist referendum.

Not going along completely with those dedicated Quebecois who feel you're either "with us or against us" triggers fears on the part of the more timid Jews of a backlash by nationalist extremists.

Thus far, there has been not the slightest hint that any of these fears are valid. But as one man put it, "Even paranoids have enemies..."

Even Israel, somehow, has been drawn into the Quebec situation, for two reasons, both in an indirect manner.

First is the determination by the Parti Quebecois government, led by Rene Levesque, to achieve political independence by way of a referendum within two years.

This means that Levesque is already interested in halting down his foreign relations, in the event that Quebec does indeed become a nation on its own. Evidence of this was seen recently with the brief visit to Montreal of Shimon Peres.

This was never generally known, but no sooner was Levesque informed by a leading member of Montreal's Jewish community that Peres was prepared to cancel a number of appointments in order to fly by private plane to meet him, Levesque cancelled his appointments in order to meet Peres.

Second is the frequent argument used by nationalists in supporting their case for French unilingualism as a device to ensure cultural integrity, that Israel is the best example of linguistic revival as the foundation of national liberation and redemption.

Mostly this argument is used in the continuing dialogue with leaders of the Jewish community, which, through the generations of Quebec history, has been linked closely to the English minority.

Sometimes, however, the argument backfires:

Recently, Clara Balinsky, national president of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, currently holding its Diamond Jubilee convention in Jerusalem, was in conversation with an educated French Canadian separatist who wanted to know:

"Why are Quebec Jews so uptight about the situation? Why should we allow English to be taught in the schools? Would Israel permit Arabic to be taught in her schools?"

Mrs. Balinsky's reply was both classic and as expected: Yes, Israel certainly would, and does include in



Clara Balinsky

the school curriculum the teaching of Arabic! The Quebec separatists, for once, had run out of arguments.

SOME interesting points about the Canadian Hadassah-WIZO convention:

1. It is one of the largest gatherings of its kind from Canada ever held in Israel, with hundreds of delegates representing 1,600 members across Canada — plus an impressive number of husbands who are going along for much more than the El Al Jumbo ride — in attendance.

2. One of the more significant events on the agenda is the commemoration of the official signing of Israel's Proclamation of Independence in May 1948.

Mrs. Balinsky has written to Prime Minister Begin proposing that Canadian Hadassah-WIZO undertake the creation of the Tel Aviv site, where the Proclamation was read by David Ben-Gurion and signed, into a historical site. The project would feature an "Independence Museum" containing documents, memorabilia and recreations of that event.

Director Robert Wise talks about film-making

THREE DECADES IN HOLLYWOOD

By RUTH ARIELLA BROYDE/Special to The Jerusalem Post

"I BEGAN working in the film industry at the very bottom — from necessity, not idealism," says 63-year-old Hollywood movie director Robert Wise.

In Israel recently on vacation, but also to promote his new film "Audrey Rose," Wise told us about his "not very romantic" start in the industry. It was during the depression and he needed a job badly. He had dropped out of college, the Indiana-born film-maker said, and gone to join his brother in California.

"RKO Studios hired me to check prints in the shipping room and carry them up to the projection booths." But from that humble start the mild-mannered man, today white-haired and bespectacled, went on to direct a wide range of films including "West Side Story" and "The Sound of Music." Moreover, as real film buffs know, Robert Wise was the man who edited "Citizen Kane" and "The Magnificent Ambersons" for the then enfant terrible of Hollywood — Orson Welles. "Orson," Wise recalled, "was young and untied. But he had a great deal to contribute and I learned a lot working with him."

Wells never forgave the studio for taking the film away from him and re-editing it themselves. "But," says Wise, "it was just after the U.S. entered the war in December 1941. The government asked Orson to go to Brazil on a goodwill mission. He was also doing a radio series and had begun to direct and play in 'Journey into Fear.' So for the last six weeks

of 'The Ambersons,' Orson was directing by day, acting by night."

"We finished 'The Ambersons' ourselves and sent it to him in Brazil. He sent back 85 pages of instructions on changes he wanted to make. But when we screened that version, audiences laughed — in all the wrong places. So the studios re-edited without Orson. By the time we were ready for previews, audiences were no longer interested in the life of a wealthy family at the turn of the century. We had to keep on re-editing."

Wise admits that, artistically speaking, "Ambersons" was far superior as Welles had originally made it. "But our version is now regarded as a semi-classic, so we couldn't have ruined it completely."

TURNING to his newest film, "Audrey Rose," which is about reincarnation, Wise disclosed that he almost didn't make it. "Everyone had been riding the wave of the occult and I was worried about comparisons with 'Exorcist,' 'The Omen' and the others."

"But reincarnation has always fascinated me and I am convinced there is another world out there," he said.

The film is based on a book of the same name by Frank de Felitta and is about the reincarnation of a 12-year-old girl. "The author was inspired by an incident in his own life. One day he and his wife discovered their six-year-old son playing the piano Fats Waller style, though he'd never been taught. Felitta consulted

an occultist who explained that the boy's unexpected talent was an "incarnation leak," a carry-over from a past life.

This prompted De Felitta to do research on the subject of reincarnation. The result was his book and then the film "Audrey Rose."

"Both Anthony Hopkins and Marla Mason, the lead actors, believe in reincarnation," Wise related, "which made working with them much easier."

Hopkins, Wise said, was amazing. "I have never worked with an actor who spent so much effort on characterization. He filled a whole notebook with comments on each scene, ways it could be played, and suggestions."

In his more than three decades in Hollywood Wise has never been an "auteur" director. He has never developed a recognizable, personalized cinematic style. Like John Ford, Jean-Luc Godard or Ingmar Bergman. Instead, he has tackled a multitude of subjects — westerns, science fiction, horror films, dramas, musicals — handling each in a different manner. Perhaps for that reason he doesn't have one favorite film, but seven — "The Set Up," "The Body Snatcher," "The Day the Earth Stood Still," "I Want to Live," "Sand Pebbles," "Sound of Music," and "West Side Story."

The one film Wise wishes he had never made is "Star," featuring Julie Andrews. "Everyone who was working on it thought, at the time, that it would be a success," Wise recalled. "But it was a flop."



Robert Wise

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IC DEMAND: Kiltwear manufacturers Alad are not so the business of men's fashion. But when they brought out winter collection of sloppy sweaters, like the blouson style as pictured here, many of the factory's male staff asked for themselves. Then their friends wanted them too... So they're considering a whole line of "His and Hers" teaming for inclusion in their 1978 winter collection. Meanwhile, the shown are only available - officially - as women's styles. Larger sizes will fit men whose arms are not too long and too broad.

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TEL AVIV. — The pressure for Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union has now reached a stage where it can no longer be stopped. This is in large measure an expression of the fact that the centuries-long Jewish involvement with Eastern Europe has come to an end, and the Soviets are starting to regard the Jews as dispensable. This is how noted Anglo-Jewish novelist, poet and playwright Emanuel Litvinoff assesses the situation of the Jews left behind the Iron Curtain. Litvinoff is possibly one of the most veteran of Western activists for Soviet Jewry. Over the past 20 years he has continuously published information on the condition of Jews in the Soviet Bloc. His newsletters, quarters and monthly letters have become an invaluable source of material for anyone interested in the problem.

On a recent visit to Israel, Litvinoff told the Post that, as the son of Ukrainian immigrants in London's East End, he could hardly avoid involvement with Eastern Europe. "The Russian Revolution blew through our tenements and East Europe became my little corner of Jewish history."

But now, he feels, we may be witnessing the last chapter in the history of Jews in that part of the world. "It is now inevitable that Jews will want to leave Russia, except for those who have, as it were, vested interests in the regime because of their jobs, because they are holding on to their security or because they are desperate to deny their Jewish identity."

The Jews have died in the Soviet Union, they have been martyred there and have experienced a long history of anti-Semitism in Russia generally. And if at one time the Revolution held out hope for the future, these hopes have died for the Jews," Litvinoff says. "If the Jews are going to confront the old anti-Semitism in a new form and vocabulary, they are not going to

A talk with Anglo-Jewish author Emanuel Litvinoff about Soviet Jewry

accept it in the modern world." A close student of the Soviet Jewish scene since 1926, Litvinoff is hard-put to find words harsh enough to describe the anti-Semitism in the USSR today. "Soviet society is becoming more anti-Semitic. Not only is there official anti-Semitism, but the USSR radiates this hate to other countries and poisons the atmosphere internally. It is as if every Jew in the Soviet Union is breathing this air of pollution."

Nevertheless, Litvinoff confesses that he cannot explain this anti-Semitism. He can only observe that "the Soviets have embraced it as blatantly as did the Czarist regime. This has, of course, ingratiated them with the Arabs but the venom has become more and more indiscriminate and aimed at Jews at large. The crudest, most zoological tradition of anti-Semitism is resorted to," he reports.

For want of any other explanation, Litvinoff has come to believe that "anti-Semitism is something almost native to the soil of Eastern Europe, part of their mythology, the world of their childhood, part of the mist. Every newspaper and journal feels that it must contribute to this filth, as if irresistibly expressing something deep and profound within it."

But what shocks the British author most is "the relative indifference of the world at large — the shrugging of the shoulder. At one time, liberal world opinion would have been outraged. Now the moral fibre must have become more callous and debased. Sentiments have been coarsened. Maybe there is no indignation because the world has seen too much horror," he speculates.

However, despite the inherent anti-Semitism of Soviet society, Litvinoff believes that the Russians do not plan totally to crush the old movement. Unlike the democratic

Inside Kafka's castle

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter



Emanuel Litvinoff
(Lester J. Millman)

disident movement in the USSR, the Jews are not a threat to the internal system "and have even come to serve a necessary function for the Soviets in their foreign policy. The attitude towards the Jews is consciously used by the Soviets as a technique for signalling to the West. When they want to indicate a more favourable climate for detente they

will make concessions on the Jewish issue; a tougher Soviet stand expresses itself in a harsher posture towards the Jews."

His years of analysing the Soviet scene have now led Litvinoff to believe that "by and large the Soviet Union is prepared to regard the Jews as dispensable. Soviet society is inimical to Jewish identity and if people insist on clinging to that identity, the Soviets are becoming more inclined to see them out than in. They no longer feel that the USSR cannot get on without its Jews."

"Things have changed since the early years of the revolution when the Soviets had to have the Jews — the one educated element who could fill all sorts of needs in society. Now the Russians, the Ukrainians and others have to a large extent supplied the needs of their intensely conservative, bureaucratic society. The only exceptions are the absolutely brilliant scientists working in fields regarded as valuable."

During the two decades in which Litvinoff has been publicizing the cause of Soviet Jewry, there have been ups and downs in public interest. Now, he admits, there is something of an abatement of interest, deriving partly from the lack of dramatic events in the USSR. "But mainly, it is quite inevitable. There are all sorts of problems in this world of ours and people are bound to ask why there is all this talk about Soviet Jews. As with everything, there is a feeling that we've heard it all before."

The "dropping-out" of Soviet Jews in Vienna further complicates the matter, "because when you explain the Jewish struggle in Russia as one waged for national identity, rights and heritage, it all takes on meaning. If it is just a matter of Jews wishing to live in the West, it becomes difficult to explain the difference between their case and

that of Baptists or Ukrainians." Litvinoff himself was not surprised by the drop-out phenomenon. "I expected it from the very beginning. These Jews were conditioned by Soviet society, which robbed them of their Jewishness and made their nationality into a badge of shame."

For those concerned about the problem, Litvinoff feels, "keeping interest in it alive has still got to be a slow, patient, obstinate process of continuously pressing it on public opinion."

Litvinoff became a confirmed *nazik* back in 1936 when he accompanied his wife to Moscow with a fashion show. He took with him a message from Dr. Nahum Goldmann to the then Chief Rabbi of Moscow. Not understanding why it should be so complicated for him to pass it, that message, Litvinoff, as he puts it, "began to enter Kafka's castle."

Finally, breaking through cold war protocol, he decided to go to the sole synagogue still open in the Soviet capital, "thereby walking into the Jewish problem. The street outside the synagogue was dense with derelict Jews in rags and tatters. The Chief Rabbi was surrounded by secret policemen and the atmosphere was one of fear."

After six weeks in the USSR, Litvinoff returned "with a desperate feeling that something must be done so that the story of the 1930s would not be repeated. Yet I found it hard to get even the Jewish community involved. Everyone thought I was exaggerating and overly-emotional. It was then," Litvinoff confesses with a smile, "that people were beginning to hear about this idiot Litvinoff, with a bug in his brain."

"I am still one because I feel it's a duty. The question of Soviet Jewry is the second most important contemporary Jewish problem. The first is the survival of Israel. Then come the Jews of the USSR, who after all are the direct survivors of catastrophic human destruction."

BULB TIME AGAIN—PART V

GARDENER'S CORNER / Walter Frankl

the surface and all roots covered with soil. Before planting reduce the length of the leaves and roots by half with a sharp knife or garden shears. Most are easily and slightly moist place. The Dutch irises are similar in flower to the rhizomatous kinds, but sell for a higher price. The striking "Wedgwood" variety — the most popular cultivated bulbous iris in Israel, blooms in brilliant light-blue in early spring. Set the bulbs 8-10 cm. deep and keep them 15-15 cm. apart.

Irises may stay in the flower bed for 3-4 years. They will multiply and double in quantity from year to year. When they become overcrowded, lift and divide right after they bloom. Rhizomes may be cut with a sharp knife; the bulbous species can be thinned out only after all their leaves become yellow and completely dry. Bulbous irises (plant always in Israel in white, blue and yellow) are very useful as pot and balcony flowers.

Corn Lily (Lilium) The ancient Greek name meaning "bird time" is thought to refer to the birds of the stems. Nobody uses the official English name in this country, but all professional gardeners and many amateurs are familiar with the name *lily*. The little bulbs (pea-size) are best planted in flower pots or in rock-gardens. Plant always in groups of 10-15 for a good show. *Lilium* produces thin stems (20-30 cm. long) with clusters of bell-shaped small flowers in cream, yellow, white, pink, red, purple and orange. All have black centres.

Lilium (Havalelet in Hebrew) is known as *shoshan* in the Bible where the name refers to many brightly coloured bulbous flowers such as iris, anemone, gladiolus, etc. and not for the lily flower. While the Latin word *lilium* is taken from the Greek word *leilon*, Theophrastus used another word — *krion*. He tells us



The anemone

that *leilon* flowers in spring and *krion* belongs to the summer. This is similar to the flowering season for the *lilium* in our country. Bulbs of *lilium* candidum, for instance, can be bought now and will flower in spring, but other popular kinds like *lilium regale*, *lilium tigrinum* and *lilium martago* will be offered later at seed shops and will bloom in summer. (We shall describe them later.)

The *lilium* candidum, also called *Madonna Lily*, is native to Israel, Southern France, Corsica, the Balkans, Greece, Crete and Syria. Very similar specimens can be found wild in Persia, the Caucasus and Afghanistan. *Lilium* candidum bulbs found among the ruins of ancient temples, religious houses and human habitations are proof of the cultivation of these flowers in past times. *Lilium* bulbs prefer rich loam, nearly always free of lime, with perfect drainage. *Lilium* candidum (beautiful, very fragrant white flowers on a long stem) grow best in

half-shade. Plant the bulbs 12-15 cm. deep and 20 cm. apart. When the stem grows higher, it has to be staked for protection against wind.

Buttercup (Ranunculus asiaticus, in Hebrew *marul*) The Latin name means "butter" and "cup" (*Ranunculus* (the frog plant) grows wild in damp places where frogs are found. It is one of the protected popular spring flowers in Israel and produces red cup-like and poppy-like flowers. Tubers of many varieties of *ranunculus* are being offered now; double and single kinds flowering in every shade and combination of colour, except yellow. The root is a claw-like tuber to be planted with the tip of the claw downward. Put the tubers in lukewarm water overnight before planting for earlier germination. *Ranunculus* reach a height of about 35-40 cm. and are also superb cut flowers. They do well in a sunny and damp location.

Star of Bethlehem (ornithogalum) The ancient Greek name derives from the words for "bird" and "milk" (association of those plants with white birds?). This native to Israel and to the whole Levant needs the simplest treatment. It thrives in ordinary soil in full sunshine or partial shade. Its flowers are creamy white with a dark green or black button-like centre. In some Arab villages the bulbs are collected, cleaned, cooked in syrup and used as sweets (*m'labbes*).

Wood sorrel (oxalis) The name derives from the Greek word *oxos* meaning "for the sour taste of the leaves". Very little bulbs which germinate easily in every kind of soil in a well-drained sunny place. They are first class rockery flowers, which don't need any special care. People often chew the piquant sour foliage, but this should not be done, because oxalic acid is poisonous. The kinds offered are either yellow or pink.

Never accept bulbs of the yellow kind, because the yellow oxalis multiplies so quickly that it may become a garden pest — like a dangerous weed, and you will never get rid of it. (You have been warned!) But the pink oxalis with big, dark green, clover-like leaves is a very decorative plant for containers, pots and baskets.

Wandflower. The Greek name *spion* meaning "thorn", is a reference to the thorn spathes, which is nothing more than the papery coat surrounding the bud. This is a bright little bulbous plant with white, yellowish or red, bell-shaped flowers with little black spots. Very suitable for balcony containers, rockeries or garden borders. Its height is 15-20 cm. The foliage is spiky, like the leaves of little irises. It is also sometimes called *dieramo*, (the Greek word for tunnel) because of the shape of its flowers.

Freesia. The origin of the name of this genus has been forgotten along with the person for whom it was probably named. We only know that it is a native of South Africa and a very popular richly fragrant spring flower. It flowers in many colours (white, cream, yellow, rosy-pink, salmon, lilac, blue and orange) and grows up to 25 cm. high, but falls down if not carefully staked. Freesias are perfect pot and balcony flowers. The little bulbs may remain in the soil after the flowering season and will sprout and flower again for many years. They produce many bulblets which will also give flowers after a growing period of 2-3 years.

Windflower (anemone). Called *colniti* in Hebrew. This is one of the most valuable spring flowers, with tuberous roots or thickened rhizomes. It produces parsley-like bright green leaves and many flowers in brilliant colours of the most refined shades. This Israeli wild plant has been developed into cultivated forms and beautifies our flower beds and garden borders with a splendour of white, red, pink, blue, purple and orange. There are also some mixed coloured anemones and dwarf-sized ones, suitable for rock gardens as well as double flowers on long stems.

MORE ON ESTATE DUTY

ANY MONEY payable under a life insurance policy, or by virtue of membership in a pension or benefit fund, will be regarded as part of the deceased's taxable estate, unless it is specified in the insurance policy or pension fund agreement, that the money must be paid, upon death, to the deceased's spouse, children, grandchildren or parents, or to any person supported by the deceased during his lifetime.

A special problem is presented by joint banking accounts. If the banking account is in the joint name of the husband and wife, then it is presumed to have belonged to them in equal shares, unless the surviving spouse can prove otherwise. The result is that a husband who has opened a joint banking account with his wife, for reasons of expediency, and who was the only depositor of money in this account, will find, after his death, that half of this account is accorded to her estate, despite the fact that she never contributed anything towards it. In such circumstances, if he can prove that the partnership was really only a nominal one, he could perhaps succeed in rescuing his wife's former half of the account from the tentacles of the estate duty authorities.

If the joint banking account is in the names of the deceased and any person other than his spouse (even if it be a child or parent), the whole banking account will be deemed to

have belonged to the deceased, for estate duty purposes. If, therefore, a father dies before his child, as is most usual, the joint banking account will be deemed to have belonged wholly to the father. If, however, the child should die before the father, then unless the latter can prove that the money deposited in the account was deposited by him, only or mainly, the account will be deemed to belong to the child. If the child is a minor, the father would have no difficulty in proving that he had deposited the money in the joint account. But if the child is an adult, this will prove more difficult. If the child is an adult and died as a result of military service — one of the direst realities of Israel — then no problem will arise with respect to estate duty, as the law exempts the estates of soldiers and border police from duty.

In theory, surviving spouses should have no difficulty about withdrawing half of the sum deposited in a joint banking account. But banks have been known to make difficulties over this. They are, however, not entitled to do so.

On the other hand, if the surviving spouse should manage to withdraw the whole of a joint account, because

the bank is unaware of the decease of the other spouse, that will not exempt him, or her, from the obligation to include the deceased's half of the account in the return which must be submitted to the Director of Estate Duty. Incidentally, failure to make such a return carries a penalty of IL1,000 fine, while making a false return can earn the defaulter six months in prison, or a fine of IL5,000 or both. A word of warning: these unrealistic fines are about to be drastically increased under an amendment to the law being drafted.

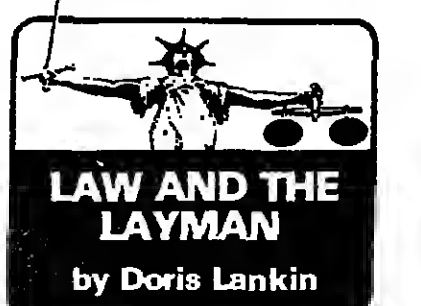
If the deceased has a safe which was registered in his name, or jointly with some other person, then it cannot be opened after his death save in the presence of a representative of the Director of State Duty, or with his written authorization. Anyone who infringes this provision is liable to a fine of IL20,000.

THE PROPERTY of anyone who was permanently resident in Israel at the time of his death, wherever it may be situated, is deemed to belong to his estate for duty purposes. But if an Israeli resident has property outside of Israel, which cannot be lawfully transferred from the country where it is situated, then it will not be deemed to constitute part of his estate after his death, at least until such time as the restriction or prohibition against its transfer is removed. If the property is taxed in the country where it is situated, it will not be taxed again in Israel, as

long as there is a reciprocal arrangement between the two countries (as there is between the U.S. and Israel). If there is no such arrangement, the deceased's estate will receive some credit for the estate duty paid on his property in the foreign state. A credit will also be granted if the deceased paid estate duty on property which he inherited within seven years prior to his death.

In the case of a non-permanent resident of Israel, estate duty would be payable only on the property he leaves in Israel. But if he bequeathes all, or part of his Israeli estate to a foreign charitable or public institution, the bequest will be exempt from estate duty on condition that there is a reciprocal arrangement between Israel and the foreign country concerned.

If an immigrant to Israel left behind property in his country of origin, this property would not be deemed to be part of his estate after his death, if he dies within the period (ten years) during which he is still entitled to hold money abroad. On the other hand, anyone who brings foreign currency legally into Israel and invests it here, will have the satisfaction of knowing that his heirs will not have to pay estate duty on this investment, as long as they can prove it was acquired with the legal foreign currency. So save all these foreign currency deposit slips in a safe place, if you want to save your heirs estate duty.



LAW AND THE LAYMAN

by Doris Lankin

Finally, a word on procedure. After a testator has died, the heirs must apply to the local Estate Duty Office for a certificate confirming that they have submitted a statement of the deceased's property to the Director of Estate Duty. This certificate can be obtained within a week of submitting the application. Then the certificate must be appended to an application for a succession order, or probate of a will, if there is one. If this application is made to a rabbinical court, the succession order, or probate order, can be obtained almost immediately and without the need for legal assistance. But do not forget that in the case of a will, there is no point in applying to the rabbinical court if the witnesses are not both males.

Even if it takes longer to get the succession order, the delay will not prevent the heirs from collecting up to IL40,000 from the estate, if they need money for the benefit of the deceased's spouse and children.

(This is the second of two articles on estate duty.)

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The ship, Espresso Livorno, which was scheduled to arrive at Haifa on November 11, will be delayed 48 hours and will arrive at Haifa on Sunday, November 13 at 6 a.m. Passengers will embark at 10 a.m. The boat will sail at 1 p.m. On its way to Venice, the boat will not call at Limassol or Heraklion, and the schedule will be: Piraeus November 14 Venice November 16

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IV. — It was a splendid opportunity for shares pushed up by the many issues by a full ten per cent. Many shares were as "buyers only" and were up by the customary five per cent.

A visual jog through the industrial list revealed no less than seven issues marked as "buyers only." Many others were traded on a "movement without limit" basis.

American-Israel Paper Mills rose by ten per cent to 490. Electra ILI shares were ahead by the same percentage to 590. Dead Sea Works tacked on a full 10.5 per cent to 880 on a massive turnover of IL1.5m. Tava, both bearer and registered, were "buyers only" at 1,585 and 1,230, respectively. Shemen (B) checked in at 840 after a "buyers only" situation. Frutarom's old shares were also "buyers only" and fixed at 189.

Investment company issues were one of the strongest features of the rising market. Central Trade was 100 ahead at 1,235. Wolfson ILI0 gained 17 to 295. Discount Investments soared by 35 to 680. Hapozim was 15 better at 535, but Bank Leumi Investments gained 21.5 to 624.5.

The stellar feature of the group was Clal Industries, which jumped by a full ten per cent to 440. Jordan Exploration gained 150 to 1,855. The shares traded yesterday ex-rights. Export Investments was almost ten per cent ahead at 295. Clal Investments was a 23.5-point winner at 450. Pityon Investments gained 98 to 879.

Indexed-linked bonds were unchanged with the exception of 8.5 per cent Defence Loans, which rose by about one-half of a per cent, and the Government loans bearing unlinked interest rose by almost two per cent. Trading was heavy and exceeded IL80m.

Most Active Issues

Bank Leumi 470-41	IL4,480,000
Hapozim (B) 4280-00	IL3,896,000
Dead Sea 880-00	IL3,896,000
Wolfson 290-00	IL3,896,000
Shemen 840-00	IL3,896,000
Frutarom 189-00	IL3,896,000
Central Trade 1235-00	IL3,896,000
Discount 680-00	IL3,896,000
Hapozim 535-00	IL3,896,000
Bank Leumi 624.5-00	IL3,896,000
Clal 440-00	IL3,896,000
Jordan 1855-00	IL3,896,000
Export 295-00	IL3,896,000
Clal Investments 450-00	IL3,896,000
Pityon 879-00	IL3,896,000

Symbol	Price	Change	Volume
KED	2400	2480	2480
Junior	515	515	515
Corp. B.	515	515	515
N	515	515	515
ED	970	970	970
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D MEDALS

MORGENSTERN Post Reporter

Almost three years devalued its currency, the value of medals more than the rate of devaluation. Government's New now the pound was valued by 44 per cent. The initial revaluation market could best be described as disappointing. Less or the change in the price adjustment, on is considerably less the devaluation. The effect on prices, in the recent the price of gold, or cent than in 1977, fluctuated on the local objective reasons can prices lag. Foremost by the very stiff funds. The index-linked bond market was undervalued and the prospect of a sharp rise in the rate of inflation attracted investors to this particular market. At the same time the Government encouraged investment in long-term investment schemes. A massive flow of funds into these two areas was felt.

If little else, the current price situation offers an excellent opportunity for the purchase of items still missing from collectors' holdings.

In the past fortnight the local coin and stamp exchange has moved to new quarters. Formerly located in less than ideal quarters on Tel Aviv's Rehov Grunberg, the dealers formed a committee and rented new space on Rehov Har Sinai, next to the Great Synagogue.

There are currently no restrictions on who may deal in coins. It would well behoove the more established dealers to create minimal qualifications and criteria as to who may deal in coins.

Massada	5,700	+ 19
Jerusalem	4,700	+ 18
Rothschild	4,200	+ 13
Balfour	4,700	+ 20
El Al	4,700	+ 13
Keren Hayesod	12,250	+ 9
Liberation	12,250	+ 9
Outstanding Worker	39,250	+ 8.3
25th Anniversary (platinum)	2,300	+ 26
Rubinstein	6,700	+ 59
Technion	7,300	+ 50
Diamond	4,400	+ 50
Harp	55,000	+ 1.8
Euthebe	3,850	+ 1.8

By AARON SITNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The pension funds: are workers cheated?

What is the base for calculating the 70 — or lower — per cent figure paid to a retired worker? At present, the base is defined as "wages," or basic salary plus cost-of-living increment.

The calculating mechanics are rather simple. The last 36 monthly "wage" figures earned by the worker are added up and the average is the base on which the pension payment percentage is reckoned.

Naturally, this leads to a very obvious abuse: what better way is there for an employer to reward a loyal, veteran worker than by presenting him with a hefty promotion and grandiose pay hike even for a few months before retirement? For example, even if the man had earned approximately IL3,600 per month for most of the last three years before retirement, how nice it would be if his final six or 12 monthly wages were, say, increased to IL5,000?

According to Vilan, this abuse is all too common. "It's happening every day and do you know who suffers? We, the pension plans."

But the Histadrut's pension reform team would like to see the pension calculating base changed for other reasons too. Says Vilan: "As you may readily understand, Israel's wage system is so badly mottled by 'extras' that I myself have already compiled a list of 145 such types of bonuses. And I probably have left several unlisted."

"I refer to such phantom-wage components as professional literature allowances for semi-literate people, to clothing allowances for publishing company typists, and to the so-called 'shame bonus' paid to income tax assessment workers because they must face hostile neighbours."

"To be honest — says Vilan along with his pension reform team — these wage extras should be included



One of the aims of current pension reform is to encourage younger workers to join a fund the day they begin working. But many of them refuse, claiming they can get just as much in retirement benefits even if they join a fund 10 or 15 years later.

when calculating not only retirement payments, but also workers' contributions to the funds.

In fact, a formal demand along these lines has already been made by Uriel Abrahamowicz, chief of the Histadrut Trade Unions Division. In a letter to the Civil Service Commission, Abrahamowicz asks for inclusion (in pension reckoning) of such items as norms-and-premiums bonuses, vacation pay, "13th month salaries," so-called "universal" or "global" overtime pay and other informal wage elements.

According to Abrahamowicz, since

the recent income tax reform recognises all these extras as fully taxable items, should they also be recognised as legal pension inclusion factors.

The opening blast comes in a demand to the Civil Service Commission, which, as stated above, picks up the entire pension contribution tab for its workers. If the Histadrut wins this demand, next in line will be the "public sector" employers, and after them, private employers.

The economic ramifications of such a change are overwhelming. Of course, more money will be paid to retirees. But the added cost factor in the employers' labour outlay could affect pricing policy and automatically feed the inflationary fires.

This is so because of the built-in leverage in Israeli pension payments to retired workers: in addition to the pension payout set at retirement, cost-of-living indexing keeps boosting that payout. But that's not all.

In Israel, if the job the retiree held at retirement is upgraded, that pay differential is automatically added to his retirement payments. Thus, when the Israeli "pay ladders" have rungs added to them during rough labour-management bargaining sessions, the results are not limited to the level of the next 12 or 24 pay obseques. The pension funds' payouts, too, are affected.

Meanwhile, some people high up in the Likud will probably soon be pushing for a state pension system. Such a plan was proposed by Yoram Aridor, the Likud representative in the Histadrut who temporarily served as Minister of Labour until Yisrael Katz was appointed.

Aridor would like to see pension fund membership made compulsory — something the Histadrut agrees with. He also wants "comprehensive" pension rights for all salaried workers — another point with which the Histadrut heartily concurs. But, Aridor says, the compulsory pension

system should be administered by the National Insurance Institute. This the Histadrut finds hard to swallow. And no wonder.

The Histadrut's pension funds now own about IL15,000m. In assets! And, despite various bonuses the funds pay pensioners — over and above the cost-of-living and last-job-grade bonuses — current receipts from working members are running so far ahead of current disbursements to retirees, that not an ager of reserves has to be touched.

According to an agreement with the Government reached several years ago, 92 per cent of the pension funds' money are invested in government securities, linked 100 per cent to the cost-of-living index. The remaining eight per cent is used for such purposes as loans to fund members and special assistance projects.

To show its appreciation to the Histadrut for investing its pension fund millions in government securities, the Government, for its part, invests about half of the proceeds from the sale of these securities to the Histadrut — in business enterprises belonging to the Histadrut.

This interesting investment turnabout is handled by another Histadrut financial arm — "Gmud."

It is clear, therefore, that with such a deal going, the Histadrut sees no reason to agree to the Aridor plan, which would probably wreck the Histadrut's seven pension funds (or so it is feared).

The first to benefit from enactment of the Aridor pension bill would be the 150,000 or so salaried workers who are today covered by no pension plan whatsoever. The income they can look forward to too besides savings, is the meagre National Insurance old-age benefits, pegged at 28 per cent of the average national wage.

(Second in a series on Israel pension funds)

Shavit says industrialists 'bewildered' by the NEP

By MACAREE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. The New Economic Policy came too fast, according to Avraham "Buma" Shavit, president of the Manufacturers Association. The attitude of the workers should also be one of liberal demands for more pay," Shavit said he was all for it.

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Shavit was sharply critical of "unknown Finance Ministry spokesmen" quoted in the press and over the air, who said the industrialists had been "cheating and making profits" for years on the incentives they received for exports and the cheap credit they were given for admitting it. And let them come forward and prove their statements," he said, advising "these senior civil servants not to spit in the plate from which they ate. We are earning dollars for the State, not for them."

Turning to the Histadrut-inspired strikes, Shavit said "We industrialists, like the workers, are in the same boat. We also are workers."

We make our living by producing, not by speculation."

As for the statement of Yeruham Meshel, Secretary-General of the Histadrut, that "since everything in the country was being liberalized, the attitude of the workers should also be one of liberal demands for more pay," Shavit said he was all for it.

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Symbol	Price	Change	Volume
DEOR	7.11	Ashdod	7.11
KINERET	7.11	Haifa/Ashdod	7.11
SHIMON	7.11	Ashdod/Haifa	7.11
J. WEER	7.11	Haifa	7.11
LELAC	7.11	Ashdod/Haifa	7.11
FALYAM	7.11	Haifa/Ashdod	7.11
ESHEL	10.11	Haifa	10.11
ATL. COUNT	12.11	Haifa/Ashdod	12.11
SIM HAIFA	12.11	Haifa	12.11
REB	12.11	Haifa	12.11
G.O. FLORENCE	12.11	Ashdod/Haifa	12.11

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Non-specific civil servants want raise

The Civil Service Commission, Dr. Avraham Friedman, will this week meet, at the request of the Finance Minister, with the representatives of the 42,000 so-called "non-specific" government employees who are asking for salary compensation.

The representatives of these employees wrote Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich last week, asking for a pay rise, without going through the Civil Servants' Union.

The non-specific employees ask for a wage hike of IL1,000 a month to update various fringe benefits and emoluments. In addition, they want compensation for the recent price increases. Their representatives said that they will not be content with a ten per cent compensation.

British tourist charters still in doubt

By SHLOMO MOAZ

The director-general of the Transport Ministry, Ehud Shilo, on Friday told the operations manager of Thompson, the British travel firm, that it is not at all certain that the Government will grant Thompson a charter flight licence after May 1979.

Shilo told the Thompson representatives that if the company makes advance sales for next summer, it will do so at its own risk. Such sales will not serve as an instrument to pressure the authorities into expanding the volume of charter flights to Israel," he said.

Shilo added that the Government will examine the problem of charter flights until the end of the year. It will then give the travel agencies a definitive answer so that they can plan their sales of holiday tours for next summer.

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The Histadrut's challenge

QUADRENNIAL conventions of mass organizations, such as that of the Histadrut whose 13th convention opens in Jerusalem tonight, are usually occasions for rapid blathering, with the real decisions having been cooked up behind the scenes before the opening gavel is swung.

Still, it would be a pity if the present Histadrut convention allows itself to follow established practice. For this labour organization, one of the most remarkable products of the Jewish renaissance in Eretz Yisrael, is facing some of the gravest challenges in its history.

Some facts are obvious enough. For the first time ever, the party which controls the Histadrut does not also control the government but is in opposition to it. In addition, close to 40 per cent of Histadrut members voted against continued Labour Party control in the last Histadrut elections. But these are only symptoms of a deeper affliction that has stricken the Histadrut over the years.

The Histadrut as an organization has lost its original vision, or permitted it to become hopelessly obscured behind the facade of dehumanised bureaucracy. As a result it has failed to maintain the devotion of many of its members and succeeded in driving many others into cynical alienation.

Since its founding in 1920, the Histadrut has stood for a concept of a democratic cooperative society, as opposed to the predatory capitalist and totalitarian communist systems that have come to dominate most modern societies. The Histadrut was to have been the mechanism for the realization of this idea of a cooperative commonwealth, and as such it became one of the most attractive aspects of Israel's image abroad. The truth is, however, that the steam went out of the mechanism sometime in the late 1950s.

Many of the least edifying features of the tawdry, old-style capitalism that the Likud government seems to have embraced were actually the creation of Labour government finance ministers, and they were readily acquiesced in by short-sighted or weak-kneed Histadrut secretary-generals and their party-appointed apparatchiks.

Thus the labour federation's Thuva, Hamaabhir and consumer coops dominate marketing outlets, but they have never been mobilized to protect its membership — which constitutes a large majority of Israel's population — from the ravages of a half-market, half-feudal economy.

The nominally Histadrut controlled transport cooperatives have long been permitted to operate primarily for the financial benefit of their operators rather than for the convenience of the public — again, made up largely of Histadrut members. In Koor industries, the Histadrut hosts a range of well-administered enterprises that could in many respects serve as a model for the country. But there is little reason to believe that worker-management relations in Koor are better — let alone more democratic — than in any decently run capitalist firm.

It would be the easiest course of the Histadrut leadership to devote the days of the convention to railing against the right-wing Government. To be sure, there is certainly room for the Histadrut to organize itself to protect the interests of its members in the face of the Government's new economic policy. But it would be extremely unwise of the Histadrut leadership to let it go at that.

The Histadrut can prove either of two theses. One is that human organizations, like human beings, have a given life span; that it is unreasonable to expect them to transmit the clan of the founders to succeeding generations; and that they must decline into eventual demise.

The other thesis is that the life course an organization follows is closer to that of an undulating curve, with generational ups and downs. If this view has the greater validity, it would certainly seem to be time for a new generation of Histadrut members and leaders to start the upswing from the bottom of the curve.

To have any meaning in the future, the labour federation should address itself at the present convention to restoring vision to the Histadrut, and to restoring the Histadrut to its members.

Wages and the quality of life

In pre-convention interviews with The Post's MARK SEGAL, Histadrut Secretary General Yeruham Meshel attacks the

Likud's attempts to remould Israel's economy.

THE 13TH Histadrut Convention, which opens tonight at Jerusalem's Binyanei Ha'Ooma, finds Secretary-General Yeruham Meshel in a fighting mood. The usually soft-spoken trade union leader feels sufficiently pressed by the Likud Government to adopt the most strident tones.

The suspicions of the Labour Movement, that the Likud's underlying philosophy is still inspired by Jabotinsky's call to "smash the Histadrut," have surfaced. At the same time there has been an aggressive cry of "Bolshevism" from Premier Begin, and harsh criticism of organized labour from Finance Minister Eshkol.

In a way, Meshel and his Labour Alignment colleagues should be grateful to Begin for providing them with an issue around which they can rally.

The convention itself promises to be a tough political battle, with the Likud faction on the defensive following the government's new economic policy. Labour can now take ideological issue with the Likud, with Meshel arguing that the government "wants a country based on the dollar's worth, not on the value of the working man."

"We are now waging a struggle over the very personality of Israeli society," Meshel says, warning that Begin's attack, combined with his bid to manage the news, might be a forerunner of things to come.

Meshel had lost his customary smile on the morning I saw him. He had woken to find threatening slogans painted on the building where he lives.

The Histadrut chief was alarmed and shocked by the new economic policy, which he sees as a declaration of class war by a government that only concerns itself with the problems of the moneyed classes.

"It has to be made quite clear," he said. "There cannot be freedom for speculators and money-changers and not for wage-earners. We will not agree to a situation where profits and prices soar untrammelled, while only wages are under constraints and controls."

Meshel stressed that the campaign against the government's policies is not politically inspired. The fight is for all wage-earners, irrespective of the party they voted for. He was glad at such expressions of unity as the Likud-controlled staff committee of the Dead Sea Works supporting the campaign, and the Likud and Democratic Movement for Change factions joining the rest of the Jerusalem Labour Council in fighting the new policy.

"Overnight the rich got even richer, and we cannot accept the finance minister's advice that wage-earners should be patient and wait until things get better," he stressed. The Histadrut plans to adjust the automatic cost-of-living allowance payment mechanism to the predicted inflationary wave.

The convention will discuss wage policies, and Meshel stressed they will not agree to "enter the trap" of a

two-yearly labour contract in view of the government's measures, which he sees as stoking the fires of inflation. The unions will only agree to a one-year contract at most, he said. Meshel regretted that the government did not even consider his proposal for a six-month moratorium on wages, prices, profits and taxes in order to keep inflation under control.

He had been eager to join forces with the government and the employers in joint consultations to formulate an incomes policy, "but the finance minister only condescends to talk with us after he has sprung all his surprises on the working population. Naturally, we will go to see him and discuss things. We are not playing cat-and-mouse games."

The cry of Commerce Minister Yigal Hurvitz for absolute freedom for the play of market forces is regarded by Meshel and his comrades as giving licence for an all-out attack on working men's living standards. Meshel also fears the government has taken on more than it can handle — for example, the increased VAT, which was not even properly collected from the shopkeepers when it was at a lower rate.

Referring to Eshkol's proposal to grant an amnesty to people with "black capital," Meshel expressed fears about creating a society in which prizes go to currency speculators and tax dodgers.

"The government must know that any economic policy based mainly on hitting wage-earners just won't work," Meshel repeated. As leader of the Labour Federation it would be the easiest way out to tell the authorities, "Put up prices as much as you want, and then press for even higher wages. But he did not choose that way, which would be to the country's detriment."

Moreover, the working man's living standards could not be based on a permanent state of economic instability. Above all, as Secretary-General of the Histadrut, Meshel believes that organized labour cannot just cleave to bread-and-butter issues. "We have to look not only at our pay-checks but at what kind of a society we are going to leave behind for our children and grandchildren," he says with conviction.

MESHTEL is aware of the fact that 28 per cent of his electorate voted for the Likud. And this will undoubtedly be reflected in more contentious debates at the convention. But he is also aware, and proud of the fact, that under his leadership the Labour Alignment won 57 per cent of the Histadrut vote only a month after the Likud victory in the national poll. He speaks of "all of us having moved a long way in only five months, with the Likud faction endorsing the decisions criticizing government subsidy cuts at the recent Histadrut Executive session."

At the same time, he is aware that even labour enterprises have to be profitable, and that if Shikun Ovdim sustains losses, there is no-one to cover them. Meshel knows that the Likud

voters than to react automatically to party dictates.

One of Yeruham Meshel's traumatic experiences during his early years in this country was when he was unemployed and joined a sit-down strike at Mayor Rokach's office at Tel Aviv Town Hall in Rehov Bialik. This memory fuels his concern over the spread of unemployment and his personal interest in the jobless. The Histadrut leader is a trade unionist par excellence, in contrast to such of his predecessors as the late Pinhas Lavon and Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, who exploited the Executive Committee as a platform for wider political ambitions. He takes a personal interest in individual cases — for instance, the blind telephoneist who was sacked by Clal six months before she was due to go on pension. Meshel made it clear that he would not let the conglomerate get away with it.

He is more than willing to join forces to facilitate labour mobility through retraining men and women for new trades, and he praises the attitudes of Labour and Social Betterment Minister Israel Katz on this subject. "The right man in the right place," he said warmly, and went on to praise the director of the government employment service for his humane approach to such matters.

When discussing the problem of tax evasion and the lack of trained manpower in the income tax department, Meshel was ready to support a special arrangement whereby a special unit of top-flight auditors be taken on by the Treasury. They would all be engaged on a two-year contract (that is, at above average wages), and would seek out the get-rich-quick boys who dodge on taxes.

IN SUBSEQUENT and previous interviews, Meshel focused on the Histadrut economic sector, to which he wishes to devote himself more fully. He is aware of widespread reservations about the Histadrut's present role, its function in an inflationary economy, and the question of whom these large enterprises are for, the Histadrut members or their executives.

"The Secretary-General does not intend to allow management to decide on the retrenchment of workers without taking into account the broader social issues. In addition, he wants every Histadrut member to get a discount in Hamaabhir stores. He rejects out of hand the refusal of Hamaabhir Laksarkhan general manager Shmuel Eyal to contemplate such a scheme."

Meshel says that each Histadrut member will be able to buy discount coupons at Bank Hapoalim, which will entitle him to reductions from the giant Histadrut retail network. He points out that Histadrut firms will have to do more to offer special advantages to members. At the same time, he is aware that even labour enterprises have to be profitable, and that if Shikun Ovdim sustains losses, there is no-one to cover them.

Meshel knows that the Likud

wishes to break up the entire Histadrut structure, and he has no illusions about the coming struggle. That is why he believes that the labour enterprises must now focus on such national aims as setting the Galilee, for without an underlying philosophy they would have no raison d'être.

In the face of concentrated criticism of the high-priced goods at the Histadrut Supermarket chain and Hamaabhir Laksarkhan stores, Meshel wondered why he was under such constant pressure to open Histadrut supermarkets in new areas. He acknowledged the problem of tackling the middlemen's profit margin, and hoped that Thuva's plans for opening more hypermarkets would help to cut costs.

His concrete proposal was to have the convention set up a fighting consumers' protection organization. Meshel described his efforts to bring the various government ministries together with Thuva and the retail networks to tackle this problem. He regretted that Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon was not interested in lowering distribution costs, and Commerce Minister Hurvitz opposes any interference in the market mechanism.

As for the prospect of nationalizing Kupat Holim, Meshel says that even if all the differences of views were settled it would take at least 10 years to set up a national health service. The Histadrut would not agree to treating its members' health as a political pawn, he stressed. He warned that present government policy was moving towards medical aid for the wealthy. If the government sticks to its stated intention not to increase its share in health services, then the sick would have to pay IL900 a day for hospital treatment. Meanwhile, Meshel has suggested to the Health Ministry that the Histadrut stop building clinics. These should be constructed by the government and rented to Kupat Holim, he says.

TURNING TO his meetings with the younger leadership of the Manufacturers' Association, Meshel pointed out that unlike their fathers, none of them were self-made. They had inherited their factories. All of them were well educated young men, but they showed no signs of having a social conscience. In the U.S. and Sweden, employers were seeking ways of improving the quality of life of their employees at the factory level. But not here.

Meshel commented sarcastically on "the pious talk about influencing people to leave the services for industry. It's all talk," he said. "I want a five-day working week for industrial manpower. I know the employers oppose it, and the Likud coalition has this demand in its agreement, but has done nothing to implement it. Why doesn't the government offer a special five-year housing loan to a man who agrees to switch to industry? I mentioned the idea to soldiers on the eve of their



Yeruham Meshel

demobilization, that they stay in for their new trade while the army. The IDF agrees, have had no response to others."

Meshel believes that not only workers but the workers in as firms should enjoy incentive directly under Meshel's control. International Department, proud of the number of delegates who have come overseas to register their names with workers in Israel. But I am all sure if the government appreciates the Histadrut's international sphere. The very concrete expression when Meshel was able — personal contact with the U.S. Longshoremen's Union, an urgent defence cargo from an East coast port, fact that there was a strike.

The Histadrut maintains with unions in countries it has diplomatic relations to: the foreign unions; students to the Afro-Asian for Labour and Cooperative in Haifa. The present Minister of Transport is an graduate, he noted, and that a member of Degania leaving soon to supervise cooperative activities. The Secretary-General got out of his office and rank-and-file during the years. He recalls his last with David Ben-Guriel, reminiscence over his year helm of the Histadrut.

"He told me he had stopped to what people said another years ago. For minutes he dwelt with his son Amos establish without protest. He gave portrait piece of advice: Having a tough time, f workers. Learn from them will tell you the truth. I have any fears that you them to some position, so tell you the truth," Meshel

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READERS' LETTERS

BUILDING IN HAIFA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — The Haifa Municipality has an efficient and well-staffed Building Licensing and Inspection Department. It is, therefore, very disturbing to note that mistakes which have been recognized as such by the municipal authorities are being allowed by them to recur. The victim now is Freud Street in Alnuza.

rise buildings at 42 and 44 Freud Street. Residents in the area have already protested against this aesthetic flaw and have appeared before the District Planning Commission.

Finally, Freud Street is to become an arterial road to Tel Aviv and it is the only road leading to the air strip. We feel that more serious thought must be given to the planning of the area and that vested interests should not be allowed to repeat "mistakes" that were made in other areas.

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WHEN the 30-strong Kibbutz Movement Chamber Orchestra accepted the offer of a 23-day tour of Germany, many people had questioned the wisdom of the venture. But the results were beyond expectations — rave reviews, offers to make recordings and a proposal for a full-scale European concert tour.

Conductor-composer Noam Sharif, some of whose own works featured on the programme and who has been with the group since the Yom Kippur War, said that the kibbutz movement itself had not realized that it had a proper orchestra. "Success abroad can influence the way Israeli audiences think of us," he noted wryly.

"People in Germany were impressed by the good relations among the players and the special feeling we were able to transmit of being professional musicians who had not

become blasé about making music," Sharif told a recent press conference. The Kibbutz Chamber Orchestra will probably tour the United States but has not yet decided whether to accept the European offer or the recording contract.

L.L.

A READER tells us that she received a very charming letter from the Jewish National Fund a few days ago. It read in part: "We have heard from the JNF office in Sydney that you are visiting Israel and take this opportunity of extending you a hearty welcome and wishing you a most pleasant stay..."

There were just two small mistakes, our reader says. Her home town was Melbourne, not Sydney; and she came here — on aliyah — six years ago, in March 1971. D.W.

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